

Luther League Review



*Christ
The Lord
Is Risen
Indeed.
Alleluia!*



*In that
He Liveth,
He Liveth
Unto God.
Alleluia!*

Jesus lives! for me He died,
Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide,
Praise to Him and glory giving.
Freely God doth aid dispense,
This shall be my confidence.

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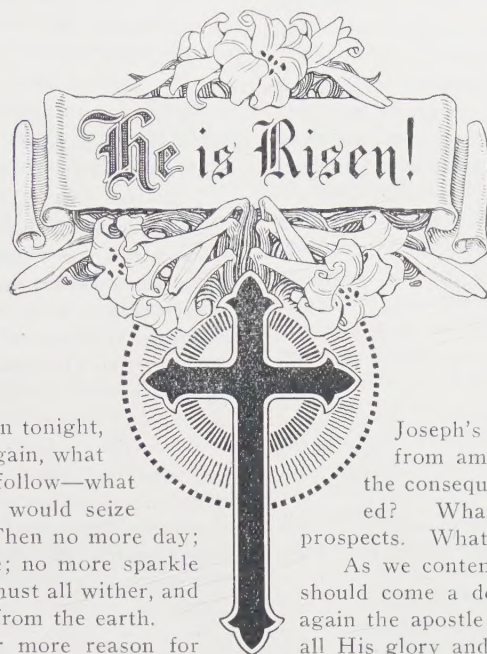
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EASTER=A Glorious Fact

The Resurrection of Christ

"But now is Christ risen from the dead" I Cor. 15:20



If, when the sun goes down tonight, he should set never to rise again, what terrible consequences would follow—what consternation—what despair would seize everyone! No more sun! Then no more day; no more beauty in landscape; no more sparkle in the waters. The flowers must all wither, and life of every kind disappear from the earth.

But there would be far more reason for alarm if it were true when Jesus was laid in

Joseph's tomb He disappeared forever from among men. Who can describe the consequences that would have followed? What blighted hopes—withered prospects. What crushed hearts and lives.

As we contemplate such an idea and there should come a doubt to our soul, let us hear again the apostle who saw the living Christ in all His glory and power.

"But now is Christ risen from the dead"

This Fact

Has withstood all assaults made upon it.

There is no fact of history better attested than the fact of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Assures us that Christ is in His Church and not in the grave.

The Church is not founded on a dead Christ, nor is such a one the object of its worship.

He is in the midst of His Church to receive its homage, and bestow upon it His divinest blessing. The object of our worship is not one who is a mere memory. The object of our worship today is the living Christ.

Proves the efficiency of Christ's atoning work.

He came to be what the world needed—a Saviour. He came to make what the world could not—a sacrifice for sin.

Demonstrates that Christ is more than a mere man. He was also divine.

He claimed equality with God. The resurrection of Jesus is evidence of all the truthfulness of His claim. Only by divine power could a dead man be raised to life.

Gives reason for joy and peace in times of gloom and sorrow.

The Gospel speaks to us of immortality. Death is not the end of our being but we shall live on. Believers in Jesus Christ have eternal life. Not only shall our souls be saved through Christ, but our bodies also.

In the hour of darkness this causes us light; in the hour of sorrow, joy.

Let us give the homage and service of our lives to Jesus; He has marvelous things in store for us; our poor brains stagger when we attempt to conceive of them.

Let us give our best for Christ who gave so much for us.

THE QUESTIONS OF THE DAY

How are the dues spent? Why is there a need for Sustaining Memberships?

Come to my office for a quarter-hour today and study with me the annual report of the Treasurer of the Luther League of America, Mr. Chas. W. Fuhr.

One Leaguer at a time, please, since my office is not large enough to accommodate more than one Leaguer to have a conference with me.

There have been a number of requests as to how your League quarter and dime are spent. Therefore, for the benefit of all Leaguers, this conference is being placed on the calendar of many conferences and appointments.

As a Senior Leaguer, you contribute annually through your State and Synodical League 25 cents to the treasury of the Luther League of America. As an Intermediate Leaguer, you contribute annually 10 cents. The Juniors are exempted from dues as they are our little brothers and sisters and we feel we should support them in their program and work.

Income From Dues

There were reported for 1933, 30,477 Seniors on which dues should be paid and if they all did as you, Mr. Fuhr would have received \$7619.25.

There were also 8469 Intermediates reported, and if each Intermediate would have contributed his dime, \$846.90 would have been received.

But when we turn to the annual statement which Mr. Fuhr presented to the Executive Committee, we find that he only received \$6,615.51 in dues from the State and Synodical Leagues. Undoubtedly some Leagues had special obligations to render to their congregations this year, but it is hoped they will resume paying their dues this year.

Some Leaguers no doubt paid their dues but the local League officers thought they should use them for their own League work. Other Leagues, we fear, were indifferent, uninterested, probably careless and had no excuse for failing to remit their dues to the State or Synodical League Treasurer. We have confidence in our State and Synodical League officers in the belief that they would in no way use funds for their own State or Synodical organization that were meant to be for the Luther League of America.

If we could all see the blessings of the Luther League work as you and I do, and if the Leaguers could follow us to all the corners of our land, into Canada, Porto Rico, India, Africa and South America, and see how the program of the League is providing hundreds of opportunities to our youth for education, missionary activities, fellowship and helpful service, I believe there would be no Leaguers who would not deny themselves some little luxury so that they could meet their financial obligations to the Luther League of America.

Income from Other Sources

In addition to the National dues, Mr. Fuhr receives money from other sources. In 1932 the United Lutheran Church contributed to the Luther League of America \$8,000 towards its work. Due to a decrease in apportionment income, the Church reduced its appropriation to \$6,000. Another source of income is from the Sustain-

ing Membership Fund—special gifts so essential in maintaining the work and promoting the program of the League, amounting to \$2,390.50. So from dues, appropriation, Sustaining Memberships, sale of literature and other sources, Mr. Fuhr in 1933 had \$17,810.40 to spend for the work of the League.

The expenditures of the Luther League of America are much less in comparison with amounts expended by young people's organizations of other communions and other Lutheran young people's Leagues.

The Budget

Before Mr. Fuhr, however, starts to expend any of this money, the Finance Committee itself determines how much shall be spent and how it is to be spent. An annual budget is drawn up and every item carefully considered and figured economically. Next the budget is presented to the Executive Committee consisting of members elected by the delegates of the Luther League assembled in biennial convention. This committee again goes over the budget, item for item, and may amend it as it sees fit. Finally the budget is adopted and becomes a measuring stick for all expenditures of the League for the year. The budget as set up by this Committee for 1933 was \$20,681.48. The income was not sufficient to meet the budget so the knife was applied on various items to balance the accounts as we wanted no deficit to occur.

Expenditures

What does your League income really buy? We turn to the detailed statement of Treasurer Fuhr and see what disbursements he records for 1933.

At the outset let us get clearly in mind that the dues of twenty-five and ten cents from Senior and Intermediate members only pays one-third of the League's expenses. At the top of the list is the expenditure of \$12,200 for the Executive Department, consisting of Executive, Intermediate and Junior Secretaries, Office Secretary and Assistant, and our Secretary in India, for salaries. This item may on the surface loom up as considerable in your mind's eye, but when you remember that six persons share this amount it is not such an abundant sum after all. Again in our congregations we are accustomed to furnish parsonages for our pastors and in many instances supply telephone, water, light and heat. But the Luther League makes no such provision. The Headquarters Secretaries pay all expenses incident to living in Philadelphia.

The next item on the list is that of travel, \$1,509.16. This item is expended for the travel of President, Executive, Intermediate and Junior Secretaries, the Executive, Ways and Means, and Literature Committees.

To promote the work of the League and assist the Leagues in their program development there is a considerable amount of literature printed for distribution; this item totals \$1,546.61.

To administer the affairs of the League there is a necessary expenditure in the items of office expenses. Mr. Fuhr lists these expenditures under stationery, postage, telephone, telegraph, rent, insurance, etc.; amounting to \$1,694.90.

If you have had paper and pencil at hand and were jotting down the figures as they were itemized you will now have reached a total of \$16,950.67. With a balance of \$608.01 to begin the new year, Mr. Fuhr was immediately faced with the printing bills due the first of the year and the expenses of the members of the Executive Committee incurred at the meeting the second week of January.

So you see, your Treasurer has no easy road to travel in these days and should have the whole-hearted support of every Leaguer.

Conclusions

We hope in this study and conference with me you have noted that your dues and Sustaining, Contributing and Gift Memberships only met half of the expenditures of the Luther League of America last year.

We hope you have also confidence in your officers and Secretaries that the income has not been spent heedlessly or carelessly, but that every expenditure itself brings a direct contribution toward the general progress of the League and benefits every local Luther League. When you consider one item alone, that of 1810 pieces of mail being sent out of the office during the month of January, you can readily see the service the National office renders to the League everywhere.

Every effort is being made to keep down all expenditures to a minimum without seriously and permanently injuring the promotion of our program and work. Surely you will also do your part by cheerfully and willingly remitting the relatively small financial obligation which is yours as a Luther Leaguer. We appreciated having this opportunity to confer with you on this question that is asked so often by you who are deeply interested in the League. We hope it has helped you to see the great need of your whole-hearted support to the League and her program.

Goodbye, come and see us again. Always glad to confer with our young people. Glad to answer any other questions. Come in person or by letter to Headquarters.

IF EASTER BE NOT TRUE

"If Christ hath not been raised your faith is vain."—Paul.

If Easter be not true,
Then all the lilies low must lie;
The Flanders poppies fade and die;
The spring must lose her fairest bloom
For Christ were still within the tomb—
If Easter be not true.

If Easter be not true,
Then faith must mount on broken wing;
Then hope no more immortal spring;
Then hope must lose her mighty urge;
Life prove a phantom, death a dirge—
If Easter be not true.

If Easter be not true,
'Twere foolishness the cross to bear;
He died in vain who suffered there;
What matter though we laugh or cry,
Be good or evil, live or die,
If Easter be not true?

If Easter be not true,
But it is true, and Christ is risen!
And mortal spirit from its prison
Of sin and death with Him may rise!
Worthwhile the struggle, sure the prize,
Since Easter, aye, is true!

HENRY H. BARSTOW, D.D.



Arlo Ketelsen

WELCOME, ARLO KETELSEN!

On January 10, 1934, Mr. Arlo Ketelsen, of Clinton, Iowa, the President of the Iowa State Luther League, was elected by the Executive Committee of the Luther League of America as a member of that Committee to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. S. T. Peterson.

Born—Low Moor, Iowa, February 23, 1906.

Baptized—Dubuque, Iowa, 1907.

Confirmed—St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, on Easter Sunday, 1922.

Graduated—Clinton High School, 1925.

A member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clinton, Iowa, Rev. J. S. Leamer, D.D., pastor.

A teacher of a boys' class in the Sunday School for several years and is now acting as an usher in the church.

Became a member of the Luther League in 1922 and has been active in the work of the Local and State Leagues.

Positions held in League work:

Local League—All official positions with the exception of Secretary.

State League—Life Service Secretary and Sustaining Membership Chairman.

Treasurer—1930-1932.

Vice-President—1932-1933.

President—1933—

Vocation—Retail grocery business.

Attended Iowa State Luther League conventions for eleven consecutive years, National Luther League convention at Omaha, July 1929, Mid-West Regional Conference held in Chicago, July 1933.

Under the leadership of Mr. Ketelsen the work of the Iowa State League has been going forward and it is with an outstretched hand that the Luther League of America welcomes this fine young leader into the fellowship and work of the Executive Committee of the Luther League of America.

THE CROSSROADS OF LIFE

He came to the crossroads all alone,
With the sunrise on his feet;
He had no fear for the path unknown,
No dread for the perilous race.
The road stretched east and the road stretched west,
And no one showed him which way was the best.

So the boy turned wrong and went on down,
And lost the race and the victor's crown,
And fell at last into the deadly snare
Because no one stood at the crossroads there.

Another boy on another day
At the selfsame crossroads stood;
He paused a moment to choose the way
That would lead to the highest good.
The road stretched east and the road stretched west,
Someone stood to show him which way was the best.

And the boy turned right and went straightly on,
And won the race and the victor's crown;
He came at last to the mansions fair
Because someone stood at the crossroads there.

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

FACING THE ROAD WITH A SMILE

Is that hard to do in these troubled times when the road ahead is hidden in fog?

Let the Review bring you confidence and help you through.

Subscribe—Renew! \$1.25 per year, per single subscription—Clubs of ten or more 90 cents each.

In The May Review—A Worship Program for Life Service Day "The Call of Christ."

AN EASTER PROGRAM FOR YOUR LEAGUE

Hymn: "The Day of Resurrection" (C.S.B. 115; P.S.H. 81)*

The Call to Worship: O come let us sing unto the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our Salvation. This is the day that the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it. Christ is Risen; He is risen indeed. If ye then be risen with Christ seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated on the right hand of God.

The Opening Prayer: Victorious Lord, be near to bless the worship of this Holy Easter Day and in reverent wonder may we feel anew the glory of the Empty Tomb. At other seasons we have heard Thy Gospel of good news, have seen Thee heal the sick and redeem the lost, and have stood in penitence at the foot of Thy ancient cross. Today we would know the power of the resurrection, and the strength and triumph of our Risen Lord. The Lord be gracious to us, as together we rejoice in the victory of righteousness, and as we raise our litany of praise to Him who shattered the tomb and illumined the Valley between our mortal life and eternal glory. Amen.

Psalm 118 (To be read by a member)

Hymn, "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" (C.S.B. 108; P.S.H. 89)

Responsive Reading:

Leader: Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death; by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Leaguers: Christ our passover is sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the feast. I know that my Redeemer liveth and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.

Leader: Christ being raised from death dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over Him.

Leaguers: Our Saviour Christ hath abolished death and brought life and immortality to light in the Gospel.

Leader: I am the Resurrection and the Life; he that believeth on me though he were dead yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die.

Leaguers: For we know that if the earthly house of our tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Unison: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy, hath begotten us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead; unto an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for us.

Hymn of Praise—"Christ Is Risen! Alleluia" (C.S.B. 117; P.S.H. 87)

Scripture Reading—Matt. 28:1-10, Col. 3:1-4.

Special Music (Selection in accord with Easter)

Discussion of the Topic: "My Lord and My God"

Vocal Solo: "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth."

—Handel.

Offering.

Announcements.

Prayer: Teach us, Good Father, the message of this day, that we may know in our day of Crucifixion the approach of our day of Resurrection. Teach us the lesson of all dark days, when we are forced to walk by faith and not by sight. Having seen Thy Cross and on it one "who was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquity" may we know that suffering and death do not contradict Thy goodness nor defeat Thy purpose, for Christ robbed the cross of its shame, broke the power of death, and reigns enthroned in the hearts of mankind.

O Thou who has entrusted into our poor care a life whose issues are rooted in eternity, may we know the power of that life and death which this season honors, and may the spirit which led Him to the supreme sacrifice and the superb victory, be ours in the battle for the Right.

This we ask in the Spirit of our Risen Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today" (C.S.B. 111; P.S.H. 82)

Close by Praying the Lord's Prayer.

*(Note: C.S.B. refers to the Common Service Book; P.S.H. to the Parish School Hymnal.)

AN EASTER MESSAGE**Death and Life**

If we wish not to fear death, let us stand where Christ is.—St. Ambrose.

When we look into the grave, where we expect we must lie, to take off the terror of it let us look into the grave where the Lord lay.—Matthew Henry.

Christ is risen, and I shall rise. Christ has conquered death for Himself, and He will conquer it for me. Christ took His man's body and soul with Him from the tomb to God's right hand; and He will raise my body and soul at the last day, that I may be with Him forever, and see Him where He is.—Chas. Kingsley.

The few hours in the grave were but a semibreve rest in the music of that life; the Easter morning struck a fresh bar, and the music went on in the higher spaces, it is true, but in the same key and in the same sweet strain. And just so is it with all human life; "the grave is not its goal."—Henry Burton.

Death is not departure, it is arrival; not sleep, but waking. For life to those who live like Christ is not a funeral procession. It is a triumphal march to the Father. And the entry at the last in God's own chariot in the last hour of all. No, as we watch a life which is going to the Father, we cannot think of night, of gloom, of dusk, and sunset. It is life which is the night, and death is sunrise.—Professor Drummond in "The Ideal Life."

Remember the beautiful inscription upon Deal Alford's tombstone; how it describes a grave, "The inn of a traveller on the way to Jerusalem."

In The May Review—A Worship Program for Life Service Day "The Call of Christ."

If I Were a Missionary Secretary

I am reminded of two little "if" nursery rhymes ending with rather pert lessons that could be well applied to many things. "If I were a little flower * * I'd always look on high" and "If I were a little rock * * I'd rest myself b'gosh."

If I were a Missionary Secretary, what would I do?

The Missionary Secretary hasn't time to rest himself, he must be up and doing, "looking on high." The task of telling and spreading the good tidings are his so there is no choice of either or or but—both and all are his duties. His are the marching orders of the church, "Go ye into all the world." He sets the pace for his Leaguers. Missions was the secret of the success of the early church. It is the heart, the very life of the church. If this is its place in the church proper, then it should have a ranking position in the League.

Realizing the responsibility of the position which I have accepted in my League, if I were a Missionary Secretary, I would:

1. Pray about my task and its opportunities and purpose.

"Every step in the progress of missions is directly traceable to prayer."—Arthur T. Pierson.

2. Fit myself for my task.

I must subscribe to the Review, The Lutheran, Topics Quarterly and some missionary magazines so that I will be familiar with the missionary program of the League and the church. I must have a copy of the "Seven Points," the foundation of the program, in my notebook. Remember to carry on intelligently, one must know.

3. Instruct my committee as to their duties.

A chairman must have his plans arranged, consulting with his committee or unanimity of view and then distribute and assign duties. There's responsibility and pleasure in sharing the task and greater results will be obtained.

4. Carry out the Seven Point Program.

1. A Missionary Secretary in every League.
2. A missionary program once a month.

3. Supplementary literature recommended in the Review ordered for missionary programs.

4. At least one Mission Study Class in every League.

5. At least one missionary book read by every member during the year.

6. Missionary offerings.

7. One public missionary program once a year.

5. Create a missionary atmosphere in my League room.

I would have a mission bulletin board with the latest news of missions and missionaries posted. I would

keep missionary books, especially the mission study book, and leaflets on the table so that all may have access to them. I would have attractive missionary posters around and if possible, some good pictures.

6. Provide opportunity and specific plans for local missionary work.

Every community offers a need for some missionary work. Plan programs for the old folks home, visit the wards in the hospital, carry cheer to the poorer sections in your city or town, in fact, serve others wherever possible.

7. Expect co-operation from my pastor and every member of my League.

The Missionary Secretary alone cannot be responsible for the missionary program. Everyone must share, must be interested, must participate, must carry out the great missionary ideal and must contribute of their means to its cause if it is to be a success.

8. I, myself, would be a missionary in word and deed.

I must practice what I preach. I must be ready for service and also give sympathy and appreciation to my fellow workers in this department. Inspire your Leaguers to work to great heights in missions. You are laying the foundations for the future of our church.

Build it well whate'er you do,
Build it straight and strong and true
Build it clean and high and broad;
Build it for the eye of God.

SHOW COURTESY TO SPEAKERS

Does your League invite special speakers to share in your program for the League? Do you consider any obligations that might be incurred?

These two questions should have your particular attention as you engage speakers for both important and unimportant meetings. Some devotional committees seem to feel that this method is the easiest way to have a service. The regular members will then have to expend little effort in preparing the topic for discussion at such a meeting.

If you have an outside speaker do you know how to treat him?

When a speaker is engaged for a meeting there should be a realization on the part of the committee, the time expended in preparation and the money expended in transportation. This is especially true where long distances require the payment of street car or bus or railroad fare or the price of gasoline used in driving an automobile to and from the place of meeting.

Let us suggest a code to young people's organizations and call it a

"Code of Courtesy"

1. Upon inviting leaders, ascertain the basis upon which they are willing to serve.
2. Present a true picture of the needs of the organization and the objective of your meeting.
3. If the leader is from out of town make arrangements for welcome at the station and transportation.
4. Assign someone to act as a host. Responsibility delegated to a tactful person.
5. Provide tickets for program events and place at speaker's table if it should be a dinner or banquet gathering.
6. Make arrangements to care for the speaker's expenses at the time of his or her presence.
7. In matters of entertainment consider the speaker's or leader's needs for an adequate period of study, rest and relaxation.
8. Give information about train schedules ahead of time.
9. Inform the speaker or leader of the time and place of the meeting, giving the name of street and number.
10. A letter or word of thanks should always be given in view of services rendered.

If the above code does not meet the situation for your group, why not have the members consider what their relationship should be to outside speakers and leaders, and then build a code of your own?

LUTHER LEAGUE EXCHANGE OF PUBLICATIONS

Notice: All Editors!

At the time of the Reading Convention in 1931 the idea of an "Exchange of Luther League Publications" was advanced by Mr. Marvin H. Eckardt of Philadelphia, Pa. The idea centered in the circulation of all Luther League publications (State, Synodical and District) among the editors of said publications through a common exchange officer. Mr. Eckardt personally undertook the task and succeeded in setting up a wide

exchange service, which included at times as many as 28 publications.

On January 10th, this year, the management of the Exchange was transferred to the offices of the Luther League of America by action of its Executive Committee, in accordance with the following resolution:

"Recommend that the Luther League of America Exchange of Publications be conducted through Headquarters for 1934. Expense to be divided among individual subscribers pro rata."

The writer was designated to take charge of the Exchange, his title to be Exchange Officer.

Purpose

The purpose of the Exchange is to promote the program and activities of the Luther League of America by an interchange of ideas through the various types of Luther League publications. Also, to give suggestions to all editors as to appropriate copy for inclusion in their respective papers.

Name

The name of the Exchange is to be "Luther League Exchange of Publications."

Membership

Any and all editors of Luther League "monthly" publications (Synodical, State and District).

Procedure

Members must mail as many copies of respective publications as Exchange Officer requisitions from time to time; said mailing to be made early each month (publication of most papers, etc., is suspended for June, July and August).

Address publications to Exchange Officer, 806 Muhlenberg Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

Upon receipt of all publications (the 15th of each month the dead line) the Exchange Officer will mail one (1) copy each of all publications to each member of the Exchange.

Fee

A fee of 80 cents per calendar year is required to become a member of the Exchange.

Should the above fee prove insufficient for the mailing of the publications, or in excess thereof, notification will be made to the members and additional fee requested, or a reduction of the 1934 fee will be made, as the case may be.

Non-Profit Service

It is to be unmistakably understood that the Exchange will be operated on the principle of a non-profit service to Luther League editors.

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Should you, Mr., Mrs., or Miss Editor, desire to join the Exchange, send your name and address, 80 cents in **silver**, and 20 copies of your Luther League publication to the big bad wolf.

R. J. WOLF

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THE LEAGUE IN ACTION

CANADA MOVING FORWARD

To Luther Leaguers everywhere do I wish the best that life can hold for you throughout the year. I feel sure that we are entering upon a new era of prosperity and that a rich field of activity lies ahead in which we can take an active part.

It is with this thought in mind that I am writing these lines. Educationally I would remind you that with this issue comes the announcement of the annual Oratorical Contest. Why not make plans now that your League will certainly have a good contest and send a winner into the group finals at least.

Early in May we find Life Service Sunday. Would it not be possible for your League to have a special service on that first Sunday in May or some other Sunday close by? If you would not care to present an entire Life Service program, might it not be a special young people's service? Any of our executive officers would be glad to be with you and assist in any way possible. Let every League try to have at least one church service a year set aside for them, and don't be afraid to ask for our assistance.

Financially I believe we have every reason to be very grateful. According to the statements of our Treasurer we see practically all Leagues with their 1933 apportionments paid. We still have some Leagues however with back debts from 1932 and then too there is the Home Mission Fund with over \$300 outstanding. Won't those who are owing do their bit so we can present a clean slate within the next few months?

And finally we close our term with the Biennial Convention on Labor Day. At the time of writing it seems we were going to be guests at Hamilton, although more definite announcements will follow in due course. There our past two years' work will be reviewed. There plans will be made for the coming biennium. There inspiration and knowledge will be imparted to all who attend. Will you not be there to share in the work and give us your help and support?

JOHN H. LAUMAN, President, Luther League of Canada

THE LEAGUE TRAINS FOR LEADERSHIP

"I have been busy with my church work and have enjoyed it immensely. You know when you teach a Sunday School class of young men, then organizing them into a glee club, with the church choir, working with the boys' Intermediate League and assistant scoutmaster of a troop of Boy Scouts in the church and a few other things, a person does not have much other time.

"After a year's absence from any official connection with the Luther League I am more than ever convinced that there is no more important work in the life of any congregation and of the church at large than the work among its young people. I have also found in my associations with young people of all ages during this past year that they are, or seem to be, more interested in things spiritual than ever before, which places an even greater responsibility on the Luther League—Local, District, State and National in order that we might reap while the 'fields are white unto the harvest.'

"My greetings to Luther Leaguers everywhere. May you enjoy a most blessed New Year and feel happy over the accomplishments of 1933, forgetting the things which are behind, and strive onward, forward and upward in the work which the Lord has called you to do and may each one realize that the Lord has chosen you to spread the Gospel of 'peace and good will' to men throughout this land and the world."

D. A. KOMMEL,
President, Luther League of Pennsylvania, 1926-1928

NORTH CAROLINA LUTHER LEAGUE TO SPONSOR ORATORICAL CONTEST

The State Luther League plans to conduct an oratorical contest throughout the local Luther Leagues, having preliminaries at the spring meetings of the Districts and finals at the summer State convention.

The rules governing the contest are printed below:

1. The contestant must be a member of the Lutheran Church and an active member of either a Senior or an Intermediate League.
2. The speaker is limited to five minutes.
3. The speech must be on the topic, "The Lutheran Church Meeting the Needs of the Youth Today."
4. The oration must be the contestant's own work, though he may use available references.
5. Only one person from the local League is eligible for the District convention contest, though as many as desire may try for the honor.
6. A winner from each District will appear on the program at the State convention this summer.
7. Local preliminaries, where necessary, must be held before the District conventions in April.
8. A reward shall be given to the winner at the District convention and to the winner at the State convention.
9. Local and District Leagues shall provide three competent judges for each contest.

JOHN 11:26

"Whosoever Liveth and Believeth In Me Shall Never Die.
Believeth Thou This?"

What startling word is this to me,
To mock my woe, lest truth it be?
Have I not seen the hand of death?
Have I not felt his chilling breath?
Has he not filled my eyes with tears?
Has he not darkened all my years?
Have I not seen my dear ones die?
Have I not heard their parting sigh?
Have I not missed the smiling face?
Have I not wept the empty place?
Have I not yearned for touch or tone?
Have I not been bereft, alone?
No word from them comes back to me!
How then can this word truthful be?

What startling word is this to me,
To banish woe, if truth it be?
My loved have gone, but they are not dead.
They sleep in peace, my Saviour said.
They live again, are living now;
They live with me, I know not how.
Yes, gone are they from mortal ken,
But when I call they come again
To meet my soul in mystic place
With sweeter sense than face to face.
They did not die but rose above
The limits dire of carnal love.
Assured am I that it must be
This word is truth and life for me.—W. H. GREEVER

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT

TWO TYPES OF LEADERS

There are two types of leaders in all undertakings: those who dig things out for themselves, and those who use only what is handed to them; those who think for themselves, and those who must have others do the thinking for them; those who can and do, and those who do so long as "can-ned" materials are placed before them; those who like a cafeteria style of serving, and those who like a platter serving.

At the same time some persons are born leaders, others are made leaders. In order to assist the unborn leaders to develop a taste for the cafeteria style of serving (for the average person who is in dead earnest can train himself to become a good leader), a service of inestimable value is available at Luther League Headquarters for those who are willing to apply themselves. The service in question bears the title "The Christian Quest—Youth and Jesus' Way of Life."

Twelve pamphlets, bearing on timely subjects, comprise the service. There is scarcely a phase of youth interest and activity that is not masterfully presented in detail in these twelve pamphlets. Six of the pamphlets comprise the basic matter of "The Christian Quest Materials." In them you will find a mine of information on these six vital questions:

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| 1. What to Do? | Price 10 cents |
| 2. Qualities of An Effective Leader..... | Price 10 cents |
| 3. How a Leader Proceeds with a Group.... | Price 10 cents |
| 4. How to Study Individual Growth..... | Price 10 cents |
| 5. How a Leader Uses Organization..... | Price 10 cents |
| 6. Program Suggestions for Group Leaders... | Price 10 cents |

These materials do not provide a fixed and detailed program for a local group but they do offer a wealth of helpful and suggestive materials for the building and furtherance of such a program. A fixed program, no matter how good it is, is subject to adaptations in any given locality and condition. On the other hand, the basic principles of a successful program are universal and unconditional. Out of the general principles and methods of work come detailed programs for the local group, but set and fixed programs prepared at a distance and without any relation to the needs, interest and problems of the local group, do not produce the best results.

In addition to the above six mentioned "basic materials" there are six other pamphlets to aid leaders further into the enterprise of program activity and building. These six pamphlets may be termed "Resource Materials." In them is found complete information on the following vital subjects:

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| 1. Youth and Dramatics | Price 25 cents |
| 2. Youth and Recreation | Price 15 cents |
| 3. Youth in Camp | Price 15 cents |
| 4. Youth and Story Telling | Price 10 cents |
| 5. Youth and Debating | Price 15 cents |
| 6. Youth at Worship | Price 15 cents |

The contents of each of these pamphlets are certain to stimulate creative thinking and produce creative ability. Let us consider one of the pamphlets by way of example, Youth and Dramatics. It isn't a composition of dramas, pageants or plays (although in it is listed many simple and advanced plays for many occasions, in connection with the Church year and otherwise). It is, however, a combination tool and lumber chest with which the leader builds the mould so necessary to the production of a finished work. Such subtitles as these are presented: The Value of Drama In

Moral Education, Guiding Principles, When to Use the Dramatic Method, etc.

In other words these pamphlets give purpose and meaning to the various activities they represent.

No leader of Intermediate youth should be without the Christian Quest Materials. The series has been reviewed and approved by the Parish and Church School Board of the United Lutheran Church in America.

The price of each pamphlet is given above. The total cost of the series is \$1.55, but a special price of \$1 for the twelve pamphlets is made in order to encourage all Intermediate leaders (Senior leaders, too) to secure a set.

There are five looseleaf covers, purposely made to hold the twelve pamphlets, on sale at Headquarters at 50 cents apiece. They are made of good material and here's your chance to get a good buy. Remember that only the first five orders for covers can be filled. A refund of 50 cents will be made thereafter. Come early and avoid the rush.

1933 READING COURSE ESSAY AWARDS

Eighteen boys and girls of the hundreds of Intermediate Luther Leagues scattered far and wide on one continent and one sea, took time off from their busy lives to write essays on the four books of the 1933 Reading Course. All the essays merit a place alongside those of Lord Francis Bacon, but only twelve of the eighteen come in for a share of the bacon.

Each year twelve awards are made to the twelve best essayists. These awards were glittering ones until President Roosevelt put us on the silver-minus standard. Twelve two and one-half dollar gold pieces they were—all nice and shiny. But now they are the golden words of a great author, Henry Van Dyke, in his masterful book "The Mansion."

The winners were adjudged in their essays on the basis of composition, content, neatness and spelling. Said persons are to be congratulated, and the other six urged to try again this year. The twelve winners are:

Florence C. Perske, St. John's, Saugerties, New York
 Doris Marie Lucas, First, Galveston, Texas
 Ruth E. Pansky, First, Galveston, Texas
 Carl Clever, Holy Trinity, Flint, Michigan
 Leslie Turner, Ascension, Savannah, Georgia
 Madeleine Harms, Ascension, Savannah, Georgia
 Jane Ehrsam, Church of the Redeemer, Utica, New York
 Emily Schoentag, St. John's, Saugerties, New York
 Alma Busch, Good Shepherd, Weehawken, New Jersey
 Samilee Carpenter, First, Galveston, Texas
 Elizabeth Gibson, Mt. Tabor, New Brookland, South Carolina
 Robert Julian Boswell, St. Peter's, Shepherdstown, West Virginia

A TWO MONTHS' CALENDAR

April

1. Purchase an Easter lily to place on chancel. Deliver same after Vespers to a sick member of the congregation.

2. April is the month to meet point 4 of the Sixteen Point Program by entertaining this year's confirmation class.

3. Give all the topics for the month special attention. They are a very important set of themes. The Luther League Day topic for April 25th should produce

fine results for the Intermediate Department, if discussed and acted upon seriously.

5. After the Lenten "let-up" on social activities this month might mark renewed activity along this line.

May

1. May is a month of "Special Days." They are Life Service Day, May 6; Ascension Day, May 10; Mother's Day, May 13; and Memorial Day, May 30. Two of these days, Life Service Day and Mother's Day have particular interest to Intermediate Leagues. The Review for May carries a set of suggestions for appropriate programs on each of these days.

2. A "Parent Social" for all parents of Intermediates would fit into this month's League planning.

YOUTH OF AFRICA.



Students in the Boy's School, Monrovia, Liberia, Africa
T. C. Johnson (center), the Teacher

The group of African youth appearing on this page are students in the Boys' School of our Lutheran Mission in Monrovia, Liberia, Africa. Mr. T. C. Johnson, the white trousered gentleman in the front row, is their teacher. Rev. A. H. Kaitschuk, a former Luther Leaguer from Illinois, and now a missionary in Liberia, is a regular correspondent with your Intermediate Secretary and recently sent this picture to him.

The Luther League of America herewith conveys its greetings to Pastor Kaitschuk and Teacher Johnson, praying God's richest blessings upon their labors. Likewise, our greetings to the boys, with the prayer that they may be overpowered by the Spirit of God in the acceptance of Christ as their personal Saviour and King.

LEAGUE NEWS

From Chicago

The Intermediate League of People's Lutheran Church, Chicago, Illinois, is given space in the Senior's monthly publication to "air-out." A foreign reader of these "out-bursts" can't help but be impressed with the seriousness of this group. Here's an example:

"Let's give three cheers for Lorraine Lang and Kenneth Engstrom, two of our hard workers. They each won a year's subscription to the Luther League Review for bringing in the most members. We hope the Leaguers will keep working for new members even though the contest has closed." (Here's a suggestion to other Leagues that want to fill up their ranks.—Editor.)

From Columbia

Down south many good things are found beside white cotton and darkies. The Ebenezer Lutheran Church is the producer and the products are two live Luther Leagues (Senior and Intermediate) which in

turn produce two fine publications, The Ebenewser and Intermediater. From the latter is taken a part of an editorial from the pen of an Intermediate, as follows:

"Carry your League spirit everywhere; not just in League meetings; not just in church and Sunday School, but everywhere. You don't have to be a 'sissy' or a 'sweet pea' to be a true Leaguer. Show everyone what is in you and they will be helped by it, and in the end God will be able to say, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'" (If that isn't effective witnessing for Jesus, I don't know what is. May the Lord bless H. M., the author, and all the rest of the Intermediates.—Editor.)

From Baltimore

Miss Edna Werner, Secretary of the Marylander Intermediates, reports a series of activities within the Baltimore District, as follows:

A delegates' meeting monthly.

An outdoor social, recreational and devotional meeting in September.

A League visitation in October. Each League visited or played host to another League.

A Life Service meeting in November. Life Service cards were signed and filed. Essays to be written on the various vocations selected, showing how they can be Christian ones.

A conference was in held in January. The theme was "I'm Third." (Is there a District that can match or excell that for activity? If so, let's hear about it.—Editor.)

From Virginia

The St. Mark's Intermediates of Roanoke, Va., staged such a birthday party that a whole column in the Virginia Lutheran was required to write it up. In brief it included these features: Discussion of the topic "Supporting Our Leaders," short speeches by the superintendent, Miss Mary Markley; by the pastor, Rev. Sieber; and others; a history of the League was read by Jean Umberger, charter member of the League; a birthday cake decorated with six green candles was set down; a Bible verse service was conducted, the cake was cut and a social period was the climax. (Where's my piece of cake?—Ed.)

NEW TOOLS FOR LEAGUE LEADERS

A New Educational Pamphlet "Blue Prints For League Building," price two cents.

The revised "Intermediate Sixteen Point Program," price five cents.

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WANTED—AN ENGINEERING VISION

I almost said an "engineering department," but that would have been a bad lead. No League wants more departments in our busy League life. And, after all, we have departments enough. Let us use the word vision. One reason our League departments fall down or do not function is because of the lack of vision in their administration.

I am thinking of an engineering vision. Every manufacturer would know what I mean. Some Leaguers do. It is the vision which analyzes the field and builds the product to meet the needs. An automobile plant for instance is not alone making cars for 1934; its engineering staff is working ahead for 1935, 1936, 1940, and even further into the future. It studies human tendencies and markets, creates and develops new methods and equipment. The successful manufacturer knows that he must be equal to any situation that may arise.

This tendency of the engineering department to work ahead is in striking contrast to the attitude of many Leaguers to think only of today, this evening's devotional meeting, this week's social and business meeting. Some Leaguers never decide their programs nor prepare their topic discussion until a short while before the meeting. Thus their programs are made to fit immediate need but have no great scheme to be developed through the year.

One reason that so many leaders fail in leading a devotional meeting is that they have not prepared themselves. In five minutes, as the slang saying goes, "they have shot their wad."

Sometimes the leader is caught with no definite idea of what he is supposed to do. To lead a devotional meeting there is need of ample preparation and planning. This takes time, but what is a goodly amount of time used in extending the Kingdom of God to do with it? All the time is ours. God gave it to us and we dedicate a portion to Him in the preparation of our topic.

There are two Bible texts worth recalling in this connection.

"Where there is no vision the people perish."

The other may not be like unto it but it is supplementary:

"For if the trumpet gives an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself for the battle?"

The leader with the engineering vision has something better than uncertainty to offer.

A JOB FOR EVERY LEAGUER EVERY LEAGUER ON THE JOB

Every loyal Leaguer should have a desire to see the League grow and be helpful to all the youth of the Church. But sometimes we shrink from the idea of being asked to do the indefinite, spiritual things. There are keen minds, leaders in a number of other organizations outside of the Church, who think that to help in the Church means only participation in the strictly religious side. These persons do not realize that the Leaguer has a very definite work to do in the local congregation.

Religion is the chief function of the Church, her specialty, and to win others to an allegiance and service

to Jesus is the principle business; but the Church needs the talent of youth who can make Church attractive socially, physically beautiful, a center for all the young people of the community.

The League will make a great advance when every Leaguer and young person has some part in church life. Too often a few Leaguers and willing workers undertake the whole job. Let us relate the talents and capabilities and even hobbies of the Leaguer to the Church, to give a job to every Leaguer on the job.

Church attendance:

Be present—this is the least a Leaguer can do. Make it a regular appointment. Don't find excuses to be absent.

Invite others—especially the young people you know who do not attend church service.

Greet strangers—get their names for the pastor.

Act as an usher.

Music:

Sing in the choir.

Be willing to lead the music in the Bible School.

Play in the orchestra.

Business:

Do some clerical work for the pastor or others who will need your help.

Write letters.

Serve as a member of the group of the Every Member Canvass.

Church Publicity:

Be the one to send notices to the newspapers.

Prepare and print church notices.

Take responsibility for posters on the bulletin board.

Edit the church calendar in co-operation with the pastor.

Bible School:

A Secretary or one of the teachers.

These jobs are only suggestive. Each Leaguer knows what he can do. Perhaps he sees where his particular church is "falling down" and where he can help. Everyone lifting a little lightens the load.

"HAVE FAITH IN GOD"

In a certain eastern city there was once a hospital with that suggestive inscription over the main entrance. The building was of brick, but set in the front of it was a broad marble slab, and in it in letters of gold were these plain words, "Have Faith in God."

It was a Christian hospital. Hundreds of sufferers, borne thither in the ambulance or assisted up the walk by loving friends, have looked up at those words as they passed in at the door. We may be sure that the words gave added courage to many an anxious heart. Hundreds of sufferers have there been cured as human intelligence and human love have co-operated with those healing forces which are altogether divine. As they walked away, rejoicing in health regained, they looked back at those words of gold, and were made more deeply grateful to Him who had wrought with His chosen servants for their recovery. "Have Faith in God!" They are good words to be engraved upon buildings devoted to healing, or upon the walls of one's home, or upon the tables of one's heart!

Charles Reynolds Brown in Faith and Health; Thomas Y. Crowell Company.

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Adventures in the Junior Department

ADVENTURES IN THE JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

Dear Leaguers:

The first item to which we call your attention this month is

SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIPS

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Luther League of America held at Headquarters January 10 and 11, this recommendation was passed:

"That the Juniors take as their special objective for 1934, the contributing of \$500 to the Sustaining Membership Fund."

This means that we have a definite task. If each Junior League could take out a Sustaining Membership we could easily reach this goal. Let us aim to reach it by June 15.

The Juniors have always loyally supported this Fund and we believe they will again do so.

Plan now to have your Juniors take out a Five Dollar Sustaining Membership in the name of the League, or a Five Dollar Gift Membership for the Pastor, the Junior Superintendent, the Senior League President, or some one else in the congregation. Present this Membership at a public meeting in June. Certificates will be sent for this purpose. In the next Review we will note the amounts each state group of Juniors has contributed.

The Sustaining Membership, as you know, helps the general work of the League. Executive Secretary, Intermediate Secretary, office and office force, visiting at conventions, literature, are all made possible by this Fund. It also helps provide a Junior Secretary, Junior literature and Junior Institutes. So the Juniors will be glad to help.

If you have a special program on Luther League Day (April 29) take an offering and use it for a Sustaining Membership. Or hold a public meeting in June and contribute then.

THE JUNIORS AND THE LUTHER LEAGUE PROGRAM

Recommendation Number Two passed at the Executive Committee meeting was:

"That the Presidents be asked to emphasize the Junior Department in its relation to the Educational, Missionary and Life Service Departments, and that in conventions and conferences the same be stressed."

Mr. or Miss State President: Will you co-operate in carrying out this recommendation? Will you keep in mind that the Junior Department is a part of the League program and plan for its presentation on your convention program? Will you arrange Junior Conferences or Institutes, as well as President's Conferences, Educational Conferences, Missionary Rallies and Life Service Programs?

Recommendation Number Three is "like unto it":

"That all the Departmental Secretaries be urged to include the Junior Department in their presentations and promotion, and that Junior methods and program for their respective departments be sent to each."

Educational Secretaries! The Juniors, too, have an Educational Program. They are studying the same general Topics as the Intermediates and Seniors. Look over the list. They have a Reading Course. They stress Daily Bible Reading and are interested in the use and promotion of the Review and (Junior) Topics Booklets.

Remember this when considering your Department, and begin with the Juniors in presenting your work.

Missionary Secretaries! The Juniors have a Missionary program! They have Missionary Topics (once a month the Light Brigade programs are used).

They have two mission study classes a year. This year they studied Africa, "In the African Bush"; and America, "Young America Makes Friends."

They have contributed to the Japan Objective and have given many interesting Japanese programs.

They are enlisted in all sorts of missionary giving and service. Our "Good Neighbor Club" is sharing with our Junior Leagues in mission stations.

Life Service Secretaries! Do you realize that Life Service begins with the Juniors? That they are the future workers? That by training them now to work in the church we are providing for the future of the League and the Church? Plan for the Juniors in your Department. Make use of the suggestions in the pamphlet "Life Service With the Juniors" (five cents, from Headquarters).

Will you help to carry out these recommendations?

Handbook

Have you a Junior Worker's Handbook? A complete set of leaflets for same can be secured for one dollar. These leaflets will soon be out of print. They are valuable material, and can be used permanently in building your programs. A word to the wise is sufficient. Get a set now!

Japan

Have you contributed to Japan? We are anxious to complete this Objective. Send in all contributions—no matter how small. Be sure to mark them from the Junior League. We ask that those sending the Japan Funds to Headquarters specify when they are from a Junior League and from what League.

These are the contributions to date from the Juniors for Japan:

Alabama	
Luther League of Ga.-Ala.	\$1.00
Georgia	
Luther League of Ga.-Ala.	1.00
Maryland	
Luther League of Maryland	2.00
Zion, Waynesboro	5.00
Rohrersville	1.00
Ev. Lutheran, Frederick	5.00
Grace, Baltimore	5.00
St. Luke's, Point of Rocks	9.00
Michigan	
Michigan Synod	5.00
Reformation, Detroit	2.00
Minnesota	
Ascension, St. Paul	1.18
Zumbrota	1.00
Goodhue	1.00
Nebraska	
Nebraska Juniors	1.00
New Jersey	
Our Saviour, Jersey City	2.50
St. John's, Passaic	2.50
Temple, Merchantville	2.25
Southern District Junior Rally	1.60
Southern District Junior Rally	1.35
Southern District Junior Rally	1.13
New York	
Holy Trinity, New York City	1.00
New York Luther League	14.66
New York Luther League	1.00
Redeemer, Utica	1.00
Trinity, Rochester	1.00
New York Luther League	6.00
Redeemer, Utica	1.00

Ohio	
Luther League of Ohio	35.42
Luther League of Ohio	5.00
Pennsylvania	
Luther League of Pennsylvania	12.99
Prichard Memorial, Philadelphia	3.62
Zion, Olney, Philadelphia	2.00
Trinity, Donora	2.00
St. Matthew's, Harrisburg	1.00
St. John's, Centre Square	2.00
Bethlehem, Harrisburg	1.00
Grace, Butler	2.00
St. John's, Swissvale, Pittsburgh	1.00
St. John's, Steelton	3.00
Augsburg, Harrisburg	5.00
St. Luke's, Reading	1.00
Luther League of Pennsylvania	50.75
St. James, Jewett, Ohio	1.00
Trinity, Norristown	5.00
Luther League of Pennsylvania	64.38
First, Millinburg	1.00
St. Matthew's, Harrisburg	1.00
St. John's, Phoenixville	1.00
St. John's, Mohnton	2.00
Texas	
First, Galveston	1.00
Philadelphia, Swiss Alps	1.00
Grace, Houston	1.00
Luther League of Texas	4.48

\$581.81

ARE THE JUNIORS BUSY?

Are the Juniors Busy?

Here's the answer—sent by "special correspondents" for the Review.

What One League Can Do!

Our Juniors of Christ, Dallastown, Pa., report this for their year's work: Handwork: Posters, scrapbook, Easter baskets. Memory Work: Books of the Bible, Commandments, Creed, Bible Alphabet. Missions: A box to the Virgin Islands, contribution to the New York Bible Society. Local: Contributed on rally day, to local church fund, furnished flowers for pastor's anniversary, gave Christian Church Calendars to shut-ins at Christmas. Special: Held special programs on Mother's Day, Life Service Day and Promotion Day. —Mrs. George Overmiller.

A Christmas Party!

The Philadelphia District Junior Leaguers gave a Christmas party to the Junior League at our Italian Neighborhood House in Philadelphia. Over three hundred toys were contributed. Two representatives from each League attended the party, there were over a hundred in all; there was a program of Christmas exercises by the Settlement Juniors, musical numbers by the visitors, stories by the leaders, and games, followed by ice cream for all. Each year the Juniors of the District arrange for this party, and each year it is bigger and better.—Anna Hess, Esther Bechtold.

At Christmas Time!

Mrs. Swavely, Junior Secretary of Pennsylvania, sent out a unique Christmas Service Tree, with candles with the names of various bits of service which the Junior Leagues could perform, to be checked and returned. Here are some of the results:

Davidsville, Pa., Juniors gave a white gifts Christmas program. St. Paul's, Dubois, sang carols for shut-ins, took out a Sustaining Membership and presented a Christmas program. St. John's, Johnsbury, made several scrapbooks and collected toys for other children and presented a program.

Salem, Bethlehem, had a white gifts Christmas. St. Peter's Pittston, took out a Sustaining Membership. Christ, Dallastown, sent scrapbooks and toys to other children, and a box to a mission station.

St. Michael's, Sellersville, Juniors contributed a Sustaining Membership, had a program with the Seniors, a social, are stressing daily Bible reading, contributed \$5 to church benevolence.

This letter from Trinity, York, speaks for itself: "At Thanksgiving," Mrs. J. V. Swartz, their superintendent, reports, "the Juniors brought toys and clothing and we sent a box to the Rocky Boy Mission. We had enough for two boxes. A special gift was a scrapbook carefully made of Bible pictures. On Christmas Eve we scrolled for the sick and shut-ins about the church, and visited the home of our former superintendent, the ex-District Junior Secretary, Mrs. John Metzel, who is recuperating from a major operation. The children took her a lovely gift, a calendar, "Day by Day With Jesus." We can check several stars on our Christmas tree of service."—Mrs. Ralph G. Swavely.

Activities In One District!

Twenty attended our Junior discussion group at our District convention. The Juniors presented a pageant, "The Flag That Flies Highest," during the convention.

Christ, Wilkes-Barre, have studied the life of Martin Luther, had a special thanksgiving program, and are making scrapbooks into which pictures illustrating each week's topics are placed. They made books of Christmas carols and are studying the Church Year.

St. Peter's, Scranton, contributed \$25 to the church, presented by one of the Junior officers at the evening service. They had a joint meeting with the Senior and Intermediate Leagues, and had a promotion service. They also had a Christmas party.—Alice Motiska.

From Sunny Texas!

The Juniors were busy during the Christmas season. Galveston Juniors had a Christmas meeting with lantern pictures of the Christmas story and sent three dollars to the Home for Crippled Children in Sterling, Neb. Trinity, Victoria, Juniors made a large scrapbook for the hospital at Cuero, had a white gifts Christmas program, with every member taking part, and gifts wrapped in white sent to the Lutheran Orphanage at White Rock. Every Junior Leaguer also took part in the Sunday School program. Inez Juniors studied the Christmas topics. Swiss Alps Juniors had a white gifts program and presented the church with a water cooler, and the pastor and his wife with a picture. They gave the pageant, "Children of the Starlight." Shiner Juniors gave a Christmas program and added three members during the month. Grace, Houston, had interesting Christmas meeting, sent a box of scrapbooks to the Good Shepherd Home, Allentown, and filled red stockings with candy for their parents. A Christmas party with slides, games and candy was also enjoyed.—Erna Roitsch.

Our Canadian Juniors!

Skis were in order during the Christmas holidays, but the Juniors were busy. Milverton Juniors held their annual business meeting and elected these officers: President, Elmer Gropp; Vice-President, Bobbie Gaul; Secretary, Arnetta Dahmer, and Treasurer, Jack Zimmerman. They presented a fine Christmas program. Welland Juniors planned an entertainment for the youngsters of the Children's Shelter.—Norman Berner.

From Nebraska!

Kountze Memorial Juniors assisted in the pageant commemorating the diamond jubilee of the church, eight Juniors representing the children of other nations. Almost every Junior in this League has completed the Reading Course.

All the Nebraska Junior Leagues observed white gifts Christmas—Creston and Auburn combining with the Sunday School.—Thelma Wenk.

From Illinois!

A monthly letter is sent to each Junior superintendent. A Christmas folder with a picture of the Baby Jesus and Mary, with a short greeting, was also sent at Christmas time. Puerto Rico, our own Nachusa Home, or nearby institutions, were suggested for the white gifts.—Dorothy Vick.

And From Wisconsin!

St. James, Marinette, Juniors had most interesting December meetings on the Christmas theme. Our white gifts were presented to the children of the Nachusa Orphanage, each of the Juniors having the names of one or two children to whom they sent. We are studying "In the African Bush," and after that plan "A Trip to the Holy Land."—Mrs. M. A. Haker.

April Plans

Two plans may be used during April:

(1) Use the Junior Topics as given here in the Review—Easter, Knowing and Depending on God, a Missionary Program, and Luther League Day. Or

(2) Have an Easter program, using the material in the beginning of the Topics Booklet, "Easter," and follow with four other meetings as outlined in the Topics Booklet on the theme, "Easter—What Should It Mean To the Juniors?" Superintendents, you have a fine opportunity here to make Easter real to the Juniors.

Outline For May and June

Follow this schedule:

May

May Day Play Festival (Spring Rally)
Home Mission Study Class—"Young America Makes Friends"
Topics on Life Service
Mothers' Day Program

June

Topics—The Church
Return Report Blanks
Take out a Sustaining Membership
Complete Japan Objective
Send in Reading Course Essays, and
Names of All Juniors reading all the books

Your Junior Secretary,

Brenda L. Mehlhouse

In The May Review—A Worship Program for Life Service Day "The Call of Christ."

Flashes of Finances

Iowa and Florida lead with dues paid in full for 1934. Thanks!

Pennsylvania leads in Sustaining Memberships!

Only nine months left in which to complete your quota for the Japan objective. Let us do our part!

1934 DUES REPORT

March 7, 1934

	Senior		Intermediate	
	Billed	Paid	Billed	Paid
Northern California	\$ 28.00		\$4.90	
Southern California	102.50		7.00	
Canada				
Columbia District	49.00		4.20	
Connecticut	54.50		5.90	
2—Florida	37.50	\$37.50		
Georgia-Alabama	76.50		9.30	
Illinois	212.50		30.00	\$2.50
Indiana	136.25		16.90	
1—Iowa	83.50	83.50	9.50	9.50
Kansas	37.50		1.50	
Maryland	432.00	23.00	45.40	1.50
Michigan	175.00	44.25	30.00	
Minnesota	112.50		9.60	
Mississippi	30.00			
Montana	5.00			
Nebraska	172.75	10.00	14.20	2.00
German Nebraska	68.75		2.00	
New Jersey	162.50	68.50	17.50	
New York	626.75	82.50	186.30	12.30
North Carolina	698.00		78.50	
Ohio	407.50		37.10	
Pacific Northwest	35.00		7.00	
Pennsylvania	2,420.00	605.01	209.70	52.44
Rocky Mountain	24.00			
South Carolina	337.50	20.00	33.90	3.00
Texas	56.25		7.90	
Virginia	392.75		10.00	
West Virginia	73.75			
Wisconsin	76.75		14.40	
First Luther League, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada		2.50		
Total	\$ 7,124.50	\$976.76	\$729.70	\$ 83.24

REPORT OF THE JAPAN OBJECTIVE

March 7, 1934

League	Quota	Senior	Inter.	Junior
Alabama	\$ 9.35	\$10.00		
Northern California	91.30	45.65	\$1.00	\$1.00
Southern California	134.75	50.00		
Canada		4.70		2.50
Columbia District	78.65			
Connecticut	268.95	163.83		
5—Florida	60.50	60.50		
Georgia	201.85	134.43	12.98	6.50
1—Illinois	695.75	688.00	14.00	
Indiana	295.90	125.00	9.00	3.00
4—Iowa	156.20	156.20	1.06	
2—Kansas	95.70	99.60	9.50	9.52
7—Maryland	836.55	930.92	59.07	53.01
11—Michigan	322.85	301.10	9.50	12.25
3—Minnesota	187.55	189.36		3.18
Mississippi	31.90	3.86		
Montana	13.75			
Nebraska	437.80	341.89	2.00	8.00
German Nebraska	176.00	110.00		
New Jersey	350.35	282.69	11.98	33.67
New York	1,442.65	952.80	119.09	37.66
10—North Carolina	738.65	709.39	30.26	
Nova Scotia	38.50			
6—Ohio	864.60	804.19	45.76	45.42
9—Pacific Northwest	40.70	40.70		
Pennsylvania	5,280.00	4,345.17	298.18	320.37
Puerto Rico		60.00		
Rocky Mountain	96.25	2.00		
South Carolina	1,199.55	950.53	73.02	
Texas	141.35	113.92	1.00	13.48
Virginia	699.60	5.00	16.25	
West Virginia	104.50	25.76		
8—Wisconsin	209.55	201.80	2.00	5.75
Junior Rally at Reading Convention				40.50
Argentine, South America		40.00		
Cash Contribution		11.00		
Total	\$15,301.55	\$11,959.99	\$715.65	\$595.81

SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP REPORT

January 1 to February 28, 1934

League	Quota	Memberships		Alumni (Gift)
		Sustain.	Contrib.	
Northern California	\$ 20.00			
Southern California	40.00			
Columbia District	25.00			
Connecticut	30.00			
Florida	10.00			
Georgia-Alabama	35.00	\$5.00	\$1.00	
Illinois	125.00			
Indiana	60.00			\$5.00
Iowa	50.00			
Kansas	25.00			
Maryland	250.00	10.00	1.00	
Michigan	50.00		1.00	
Minnesota	60.00			
Mississippi	10.00			
German Nebraska	10.00			
Nebraska	90.00			
New Jersey	100.00	5.00	14.00	
New York	350.00	10.00	11.00	5.00
North Carolina	275.00	10.00		
Ohio	175.00			5.00
Pacific Northwest	10.00			
Pennsylvania	1,250.00	65.00	47.75	20.00
Rocky Mountain	10.00			
South Carolina	200.00	5.00	7.00	
Texas	40.00			
Virginia	140.00		4.00	
West Virginia	20.00			
Wisconsin	20.00			
Total	\$ 3,500.00	\$110.00	\$ 91.75	\$ 35.00
	\$ 110.00			
	91.75			
	35.00			
	\$ 236.75 Received for 1934			
	39.32 for 1933			
	\$ 276.07			

SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP FUND

January and February, 1934

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

COLUMBIA DISTRICT

CONNECTICUT

FLORIDA

GEORGIA-ALABAMA, total 2

Ascension Junior Luther League, Savannah, Ga.

Miss Mildred Gartelmann

ILLINOIS

INDIANA

IOWA, total 1

Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Schwertz, by Trinity Junior Luther League, Sioux City

KANSAS

MARYLAND, total 3

Salem Luther League, Baltimore

St. John's Luther League, Hagerstown

Mr. Austin W. Howard

MICHIGAN, total 1

Mr. Harold Sundberg

MINNESOTA

MISSISSIPPI

GERMAN NEBRASKA

NEBRASKA

NEW JERSEY, total 15

New Jersey Executive Committee

Mr. John H. Ruge

Mr. Eugene H. Kelchner

Miss Helen Pivovarnik

Miss Minna Schmooch

Mr. Robert Bonnet

Miss Melva O. Lefelar

Miss Dorothy F. Zerbst

Miss Erna Hardt

Miss Leona E. Becker

Miss Helen Wenzel

Mr. Alvin H. Schaediger

Rev. Bernard W. Krapf

Rev. Alford R. Naus

Rev. Chas. K. Fegley

Zion Luther League, Jersey City

NEW YORK, total 9

St. Luke's Senior Luther League, New Rochelle

Rev. John F. Bornhold, by St. Luke's Senior Luther League, New Rochelle

Mr. Clarence C. Dittmer

Mrs. Marie E. Dittmer

Clarence Paul Dittmer

Luther Albert Dittmer
St. John's Intermediate Luther League, New York City
Miss Mildred Wahl
Mrs. C. C. Hine

NORTH CAROLINA, total 2

Mt. Olivet Luther League, Hickory
Haven Senior Luther League, Salisbury

OHIO, total 1

Mary Louise Hayner, by First Junior Luther League, Springfield

PACIFIC NORTHWEST, total 1

Rev. M. J. Beiber, D.D.

PENNSYLVANIA, total 48

Rev. John H. Waidelich, D.D., by St. Michael's Junior Luther League, Sellersville
Grace Intermediate Luther League, Shillington
Hope Luther League, Reading
Miss Susan M. Kurzenknabe
Mr. John George Kurzenknabe
Miss Mary C. Huston
Miss Emma M. Gusky
Miss Hazel E. Nannah
Mr. Alfred G. Keehner
Mr. H. Wesley Henry
Mr. Dorsey A. Stevens
Miss Cornelia Cathcart
Mr. Edwin Maloney
Mr. Harvey K. Sweigart
Miss Edith Simmons, by St. John's Junior Luther League, Nazareth
Miss Helen F. Byerly
St. Peter's Junior Luther League, Pittston
St. Michael's Intermediate Luther League, Allentown
St. Andrew's Luther League, Perkasio
Miss Emma Savacool
Trinity Junior Luther League, Donora
Mr. Joseph F. Emswiler
Settlement Junior Luther League, Philadelphia
Christ Junior Luther League, Stone Church
Byron Sauerman
Mr. Carol Barthold
Miss Louise Shronk
Miss Rose Porst
Miss Margaret C. Dayer
Miss Lulu B. Sacks
Miss Esther Bachofer
Miss Ruth E. Beyer
Grace Junior Luther League, N. S., Pittsburgh
Mrs. C. L. Warner
Mrs. Chas. Myers
Miss Elizabeth Fleckenstine
Mrs. Velma Stein
Mrs. M. E. Smith
Rev. M. E. Smith
St. Peter's Intermediate Luther League, Pittston
Miss Eleanor Wickett
H. H. Mercer (deceased), by Trinity Luther League, Mechanicsburg
Trinity Junior Luther League, West Hazelton
Master George Barton Kline, by Christ Junior Luther League, Shrewsbury
St. Stephen's Luther League, Bethlehem
Miss Sue Klebscheidel
Mrs. G. E. Reed
Mr. Stanley Gackenbach

ROCKY MOUNTAIN**SOUTH CAROLINA, total 8**

Miss Nina Daily
Mr. Raymond Ellsworth
Miss Estelle McCartha
Rev. E. B. Keisler
Miss Wilhelmina F. Behlmer
Miss Evelyn Caughman
Miss Mattie Shealy
Southern District Luther League

TEXAS**VIRGINIA, total 4**

Miss Mary A. Riley
Rev. C. M. Teufel, D.D.
Miss Mary Crumley
Mr. Glenn F. Crumley

WEST VIRGINIA**WISCONSIN****1933 Contributions Received in 1934****ILLINOIS**

First Luther League, Pontiac

PENNSYLVANIA

Luther League, Allentown
First Senior Luther League, Altoona
Miss Laura Swales
Mr. John Davis
Mr. Meredith Bryant
Rev. F. R. Grenningner
Mr. Paul Taylor
Bethany Senior Luther League, Altoona
Mr. Wilson Shields
Hazel Johnson
Rev. Jerome Kaufman
Mr. Glenn Kauffman
St. John's Luther League, Mickleys

St. John's Senior Luther League, Nazareth
St. John's Luther League, Stroudsburg
St. John's Luther League, Emaus
St. John's Luther League, Allentown
St. Luke's Luther League, Allentown
St. Paul's Luther League, Catasauqua
St. Joseph's Junior Luther League, Allentown
St. Joseph's Senior Luther League, Allentown

NOW SINCE REPEAL OF PROHIBITION

In all ages the use of alcoholic liquor has created a problem. The Word of God both Old and New Testament, contains numerous warnings against drunkenness and praises sobriety. No drunkard shall inherit the Kingdom of God, is the solemn judgment of God's Word. (See Proverbs 20:1, 23:20,21, 23:29-32; Isaiah 5:11, 28:1-8; Habakkuk 2:15; Luke 21:34; Romans 13:13; I Corinthians 6:10; Ephesians 5:18.)

While recognizing that God requires more of us than giving up certain specific sins, for the whole of life must be yielded to Him, we still believe that the Church should warn against the things which are the besetting sins of many and are a constant menace to home and health and happiness.

With the repeal of Federal Prohibition the nation is confronted with new dangers. Moved by greed, dispensers of alcoholic liquors are putting forth every effort to increase the number of drinkers, especially among the young, and to make drinking attractive and popular. Efforts are being made to use the press, the movies, the bill-boards and the radio to stimulate drinking. In this crucial situation it is the evident duty of the Church to educate, warn and admonish concerning the dangers involved in the use of alcoholic liquors.

God's Word declares: "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby a brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak." "All things are lawful for me but all things are not expedient." That which is not a source of peril to one may be disastrous to another. We exhort Christians to consider the weaker brother, lest he be led astray by the example of another.

As a Church we are not committed to any particular method of control of the liquor traffic. We should, however, give our support to every honest effort which will reduce to a minimum the dangers inherent in the use of alcoholic liquors.

We are opposed to the attempt to obscure moral evils because of economic pressure. The necessity for additional tax revenue is a shameful argument to use in favor of an increased consumption of liquor.

We believe that the Church must continue to arouse Christian consciences on this issue.

—N. C. L.

**LUTHER LEAGUE HEADQUARTERS
ALWAYS AT YOUR SERVICE**

Dear Rev. Kinports:

I have written once to ask you for help in my work as a local Educational Secretary and you responded so quickly and so fully that I am writing now to thank you. When I received the literature it "pepped" me up to a great degree. Now I am really enthused about my office and am going to try my best. I certainly appreciate your help.

B. W., Detroit, Mich.

NEWS from Over the League Field

PENNSYLVANIA

With the advent of the new year, 1934, the Luther Leaguers of Pennsylvania are looking forward to better things. Trying times for us—along with all others—have been undergone. We look with hope to a brighter future and are confident of its realization with the help of God.

Particularly are we making plans for a Statewide endeavor to increase our membership. There are still a number of Lutheran churches that should have active Leagues that do not. We hope to remedy this. A preliminary survey of just what the work ahead is has about been brought to completion and plans to organize each District to the best advantage are well under way.

The year has also been opened with a reminder to our members of the need of the Sustaining Membership—this mainstay in the support of the vital extension and general program of the Luther League of America and its constituent members.

Other items of Statewide interest such as the Junior and Intermediate institute might be mentioned but space will not permit so we pass to a few items gleaned from our District Leagues.

Around the State With Our Districts

Altoona District held its annual banquet in the First Lutheran Church, Johnstown, Pa., Tuesday, January 16th. To quote the official "Altoona Breeze"—besides getting a good meal—a program of both local and imported talent was featured. Not the least of these was Herbert W. Fischer, President of the Luther League of America.

B-M-C District held its annual convention Saturday, February 17th, North Wales, with all day sessions, election of officers and a supper for those in attendance. President Cecil C. King was in charge of the program.

Lancaster District has a very active press committee under the chairmanship of John W. Miller, Lancaster, and ably assisted by Lillian M. Woodrig, also of Lancaster. They cover the newspapers of the District very thoroughly and are to be commended on keeping the Luther League and its activities and program before the general public as they do.

Philadelphia District held its annual meeting of District and local Presidents, Departmental Secretaries and active workers in Advent Lutheran Church, Fifth and Cumberland Streets, Philadelphia, Wednesday, January 24th. The work of each department of the Luther League was thoroughly presented and the attendance was representative of the 50 active Leagues of the District.

The annual get together banquet and "funfest" was held during the week preceding the advent of Lent. As usual a good time was had by all although the attendance was still below normal due to lack of full recovery of in the capacity of sundry Leaguers' pocketbooks, etc.

MARVIN H. ECKARDT, Publicity Chairman

Penta-League Federation

In May of 1932, five Luther Leagues of the Berks District met and organized themselves into the Penta-League Federation. Once a month the Leagues met at one of the churches until all five were visited. The programs were: Devotions, an hour of musical and literary numbers and afterward a few games. Offerings were received. At the last meeting in September, Rev. F. L. Hemmig of Berwick, was engaged as the speaker. The total offerings after expenses were deducted were contributed to the Berks District for the Japanese missionary objective, the total being \$34.42. About 125 attended each meeting. The officers were: President, Harold Wertz; Secretary, Dorothy Kaufman; Treasurer, LeRoy L. Moser. The Federation does not function during the winter months.

In 1933 the officers elected in May were: President, LeRoy L. Moser; Vice-President, William White (this office was added in 1933); Secretary, Helen Yocum and Treasurer, Harold Wertz. The balance of offerings were given to the Lutheran Inner Mission Society of Reading and Berks County. Rev. Eldrid K. Stauffer, South Temple, spoke at the last meeting on "We've Given Our Allegiance." In May 1934 we will again meet for five months and elect officers.

The Penta-League is not a break from the Berks District or anything contrary to Luther League teachings. Each individual League functions all year round and during the five summer months the Penta-League is "extra."

The Leagues forming the Penta-League are as follows: Christ Luther League, Grill; Grace Luther League, Shillington; Hope Luther League, Reading; St. John's Luther League, Mohnton; and Trinity Luther League, Goughersville.

LEROY L. MOSER, President

One of the interesting ways the Luther League of Hebron Lutheran Church of Avonmore, held the interest in the work during their pastor's vacation was by conducting a Bible quiz.

Mrs. W. W. Ruper suggested the plan and was appointed to get the questions. Every Sunday morning a list of 12 to 15 questions were posted in the Sunday School room and after the lesson the Luther Leaguers copied them and spent Sunday afternoon searching out the answers.

This proved to be very interesting and it was remarked by many that they had never seen the young people so interested in their Bibles.

BY ONE WHO WAS THERE

MICHIGAN SYNOD

The officers of the Luther League of the Michigan Synod met at the home of President Harold Sundberg in Battle Creek on January 13th to take up matters before the body. Plans were laid for the ninth annual convention to be held in July at Lake Wawasee, near Syracuse, Indiana. The dates are not as yet announced because the committee on summer school for the entire synodical body

has not met. It is expected that definite dates will be available shortly. The major item of business that was passed on was the payment of the Japan objective in full. Those present were President Harold Sundberg, Vice-President Ervin O. Johnson, Recording Secretary Miss Frances Bockus, Corresponding Secretary Miss Jane Gunderman, Treasurer Ralph M. Miller, Executive Members-at-Large Rev. G. Charles Goering and Miss Frances Richardson, Publicity Director Frederick Anderson, Missionary Secretary Miss Christine Smith, and editor of the Detroit Luther Leaguer, Mr. Bernard Cruse. Miss Frances Richardson will represent Holy Trinity Luther League of South Bend, at a meeting of the Executive Board of the Mid-West Region at their meeting in Chicago on March 3rd to decide on the place for the next regional convention. An invitation has been extended from South Bend, and it is expected that it will be accepted.

South Bend District

The South Bend District Luther League held their winter rally on January 7th in Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, La Grange. Cities and towns represented were South Bend, Elkhart, Goshen, Middlebury, Fish Lake, Millersburg and La Grange.

The afternoon business meeting was in charge of President Paul D. Joers of South Bend. The luncheon hour in charge of La Grange League proved very delightful, and was enjoyed by all in attendance.

At the evening service (the closing session) Rev. John Hoenstine was in charge. Rev. Paul M. Brosy of Goshen delivered the sermon, choosing as his subject "The Newer Fashions," discussing the newer modes of travel and wearing apparel, and its effect on religion. The next rally will be held in April, the date and place as yet unannounced.

Detroit District

The winter rally of the Detroit District Luther League was held in Reformation Church, Detroit, January 18th. Their theme was "Outside the Window." At the business session President Lawrence Ammon was in charge. The outstanding item of business was the adoption of the action of the Executive Board to publish the publication known as the "Detroit Luther Leaguer." The editor of this publication is Mr. Bernard W. Cruse.

The speaker was Rev. David T. Holland, of Bowling Green, Ohio. Rev. Holland also presented "The Quest," the drama of which was based on the beautiful poem "Every Youth Has a Quest to Make."

South-West Michigan District

The South-West Michigan District in their winter rally elected the following officers: President, Marvin Clark; Vice-President, Elizabeth Root; Recording Secretary, Miss Dorothy Tessin; Corresponding Secretary, Evelyn Pyle; Treasurer, Dorothy Williams. Clifford Wellington, the retiring President, presided over the business session. This meeting was held on January 21st in Trinity Church, Kalamazoo.

The closing session was in charge of Rev. A. L. Angersbach of Constantine. The speaker was Rev. John S. Hoenstine, of La Grange, Indiana, who chose as the subject for his sermon "Lent, and the Youth of Today," saying, "The elements of the cross are love and the sin of the world. Christ offers youth the challenge to take up the cross."

Central Michigan

The winter rally of the Central Michigan District was held Sunday afternoon, February 4th, in Trinity Church, Ann Arbor. The business session was in charge of Miss Jane Gunderman, temporary chairman, pending the election which took place at this meeting as follows: President, Jane Gunderman; Vice-President, "Bud" Brown; Treasurer, Florence Morrow; Secretary, Olive Johnson. The highlight of the business session was the adoption of a constitution.

The closing service was in charge of Rev. F. P. Madsen of Lansing. The speaker was Rev. John Schmidt of Detroit, who chose as his subject "Mountains or God," based on the theme of the rally, "From Whence Cometh Our Help." He said, "Our help comes from God, and not from the hills, nor from within man. When we really face ourselves, and know our weakness we must turn to God and trust in Him." The next meeting will be held in Saginaw. No announcement was made as to the date.

The following Leagues were paid in full for the year 1934: Holy Trinity, South Bend; St. Luke's, Loganport; St. Mark's, Monroeville; St. Paul's, Battle Creek; Messiah, Detroit; Reformation, Detroit; Bethel, Detroit.

FRED ANDERSON, Publicity Director

OHIO

Cold weather and snow have not hindered Ohio's Luther Leagues in their various activities.

On January 28 Tuscarawas County Federation held a Life Service program at Evangelical Lutheran Church, New Philadelphia, Rev. H. C. Getter, pastor. Dr. E. C. Herman of Canton gave the message of the afternoon, telling of the real thrills and adventure a human being receives from consecrating his whole life to the Lord's work. After the devotional meeting, a business session was held, during which the following newly elected officers were installed in a very impressive candlelight service: President, Faye Kugler; Vice-President, Ruth Troendly; Recording Secretary, Raymond Rice; Corresponding Secretary, Elizabeth Renz; Treasurer, Dean Myers, and Advisor, Rev. C. E. Foust. The Leaguers were very much pleased and inspired by the presence of Rev. John M. Warnes, the State Executive Secretary, who made several announcements concerning the work of the State League.

The Toledo Federation of Luther Leagues met in Augsburg Lutheran Church, Rev. G. W. Miley, pastor, on January 17th. Mr.

Herbert W. Fischer, President of the Luther League of America, spoke on the theme "Education, Life Service, and Missions." At the business meeting which followed, the roll call resulted in the League banner going from Redeemer Luther League to Augsburg Luther League. The following officers were elected: President, Joe Rinderknecht; Vice-President, Parker Corbett; Recording Secretary, Kathryn Miley; Corresponding Secretary, Ruth Landwehr; and Treasurer, Clifford Schwerer. Mr. Fischer entertained with feats of magic, and so closed a very enjoyable evening.

Although Ohio regrets the loss of the 1935 convention of the Luther League of America, we are already making plans, packing bags, and getting the "thumb" loosened up for the hike South for that great event. "On to Charleston."

At the recent Executive Committee meeting plans were made for the state convention to be held this year at Miami Valley Chautauqua, Chautauqua, Ohio. Miss Lois Lochrke is chairman of the program committee which is working hard to make this convention the best ever.

The Synod of Ohio Summer School will hold its annual School of Missions at Lakeside, July 16-22. Highlights on a program of interest and inspiration both to Luther Leaguers and all others are the annual banquet and the Galilean Service by the lake. Those who have been privileged to attend before will not miss it this year; those who were unable to attend in previous years cannot afford to miss it this summer.

As a missionary objective, the Luther Leagues of Ohio have chosen the equipping of the health clinic in the Virginia mountain mission work conducted by Pastor Killinger. In order to foster interest in the project, a motor caravan is being planned to visit the mission field and to see the very valuable work Pastor Killinger is doing.

With this full program already in operation, Ohio's Luther Leagues will be buzzing in the coming months.

Our congratulations go to Rev. Rudolph G. Schulz, Jr., Toledo, a member of the Executive Committee of the Luther League of America—he has taken unto himself a wife.

PAUL J. RENZ

NEW YORK

We paid a visit to the Crippled Children's Guild and an old folks home and have many more plans for local missionary work.

We entertained the Western District Saturday, January 13th. The theme of this convention was Leadership.

Christ Church Luther League also does her part and will continue.

ANN J. HALLER, Corresponding Secretary

Western New York District Convention

"Leadership" was the theme of the Western New York District Convention held at Christ Church, Buffalo, January 13th. The program chairman was Miss Bertha Hehr who conducted the devotional meeting at 3:30 P. M. All Leaguers standing at attention gave their pledge: "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me." Prayer was offered by Miss Mildred Miller after which that beautiful ballad "Follow the Gleam" was sung.

The Scripture Lesson, Ruth 1:16, was read by Miss Julia Dwork after which the Leaguers joined in singing "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us." The topic "Supporting Our Leaders" was given by Miss Ruth Fischer and all those who heard her can say that she certainly brought to light the importance of Leaguers supporting our leaders in Christ's work.

Every minute of her talk was very interesting and educating. The questions for discussion were: "What should be done in an organization where the leadership is not supported?" "How may greater loyalty be stimulated in the local church and the church at large?" "What effect will a distribution of responsibilities have upon the support of leadership chosen?" While some members were very timid about answering, those who did gave very good ideas.

The devotional meeting closed with the Luther League Rally Hymn and sentence prayers. At 4:30 P. M. the President, Mr. John Staby, called the business meeting to order which included some very important items, one of which was the continuance of the "Poll," our District paper (you should see it) and the other was the consideration of holding an institute in summer on the lakeshore in place of a July convention.

Business being concluded at 5:30, the members had one-half hour to chat and become acquainted before the fellowship dinner at 6 P. M. At this hour 125 Leaguers marched to the tune of "Onward, Christian Soldiers" to the dining room to partake of the delicious eats served by our good "Luther League Cooks." Ellsworth Seitz, Vice-President of the District, had the honor of being toastmaster; grace was given by Rev. Siegner and the usual banquet songs were sung including some old time German ones warbled by Christ League. Rev. H. W. Harms of First Redeemer gave a very inspiring address on "Leadership" and he, too, stressed the fact that leaders cannot go on without support and co-operation.

Reformation Church won the attendance award having had present fifteen members out of a membership of 24. They received a table tennis set and do they love it? It was on this occasion that the District tendered their felicitations to Dr. Becker of Christ Church who celebrated his eightieth birthday on January 17th. The dinner closed with benediction by Rev. Strodel and at 9 P. M. the Leaguers said "Adios" happy that they attended, filled with inspiration and enthusiasm for a good League year in 1934.

BERTHA C. HEHR

INDIANA

Fort Wayne District

The eleventh rally of the Fort Wayne District Luther League was held on February 4th in Grace Lutheran Church at Columbia City. A short devotional service opened this rally after which the attending Leaguers divided into four groups for a discussion period. The topics for discussion were "The Luther Leagues' Responsibility in and to His Church" and "How Can the Luther League Make Lent Profitable?"

At the business session a motion to have the Executive Committee decide what to do with part of the treasury was carried and the committee decided to give \$10 to the Mulberry Home.

FRANCES SALTSMAN

TOPIC DISCUSSION—Junior, Intermediate, Senior SENIOR TOPICS

MONTHLY THEME—OUR HEAVENLY FATHER

April 1, 1934

EASTER DAY

The Festival of the Resurrection of Our Lord "MY LORD AND MY GOD"

John 20:26-29

(By Rev. F. Eppling Reinartz)

"And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.

Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side; and be not faithless, but believing.

And Thomas answered and said unto him, my Lord and my God.

Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed."

Introductory Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Who on this festive holy day didst rise from the grave and dost live forever to conquer the forces of doubt and death and decay in the

hearts and lives of all who believe on Thee; of Thy great goodness grant that we each may know the power of Thy resurrection now in the time of our earthly life as well as on that great day when Thou shalt open the kingdom of heaven to all believers and be our joy for evermore. Amen.

Our Topic Aims: 1. To help us realize that there is a spiritual death from which Christ can and will resurrect us here and now. 2. That the evidences of this spiritual death are similar to those of physical death. 3. That if Christ is to deliver us from this living body of death we must, like Thomas, allow personal contact with Him to dispel our deadening doubts and restore us to his living, confessing, joyful discipleship.

Thomas Was Dead

During those fateful days following the resurrection of our Lord, when all the remaining disciples but Thomas had joyfully accepted the truth that their Master was alive again, Thomas insisted on holding to his belief that Jesus was still dead. The truth of the matter was, however, proven by later events that it was Thomas who was dead in those days and not his Lord. Thomas the Galilean was physically alive, but Thomas the chosen

disciple of Jesus Christ was spiritually dead. Doubt had killed him.

The Power of Christ's Resurrection Here and Now

Thomas was not the last of the followers of Jesus who had thought Jesus dead and powerless when the fact was that Christ was alive and his follower was spiritually dead. The act of Christ's raising his believing followers from the dead is usually associated in their minds with the Christian doctrine of the resurrection from the dead on the last or judgment day. This association is, of course, correct and all-important. But there is another time and place in which Christ can and will show forth the power of His resurrection. That time is now, that place is here. The very sobering fact is that unless Christ resurrects us from our spiritual death here and now we have no promise that He will save us from everlasting death on that last great day. Too many of us are, like Thomas, spiritually dead, though we are physically alive and nominally still disciples of Jesus Christ.

Some May Resent the Charge That They Are Spiritually Dead And Need To Be Resurrected

It may be that some among us will say, "I'll have you to understand that I am spiritually alive." We may well thank God that the charge of spiritual death is still taken seriously enough among some of us to cause resentment when it is made. But before we accept at face value these claims to spiritual life and health let us look at some of the signs of spiritual death. Perhaps when we know more clearly what it means to be spiritually dead we will understand more clearly our need for Christ to resurrect us here and now. We will find these signs of spiritual death to be very similar to those that we associate with physical death. Now the first sign of this doubt-produced spiritual death is

Silence

How many who are present here and who claim to be spiritually alive are believing the fact by their silence? How many times in the past month have you met the opportunities to witness to the faith that is supposed to be alive within you with silence? How often have you held your peace when a truly alive Christian's loyalties to purity, truth, justice, kindness, honor and chastity have been attacked or rudely cast aside? God gives each of us at least occasional opportunities when we can give glowing testimony to the faith that is in us. Not to do so is to prove quite definitely that that faith is either very dull or altogether dead. It belongs to the very nature of our Christian faith that that which is felt in the heart is to be proclaimed from the house-tops. St. Paul's "woe is me if I preach not the Gospel" is a typical expression of a live Christian spirit. Spontaneous, joyful, fearless testimony to our Christian belief and support of our Christian standards of morality is a sign of life. Silence is a sign of death.

Inactivity

Another idea associated with physical and spiritual death is inactivity. The spiritual self, when it is dead, speaks not nor does it act. How much of your doing and your leaving undone is controlled by the fact that you are a disciple of the Lord Jesus? How many times

since last Easter have you gone out of your beaten path, your daily routine, to do acts of serving love for the sake of Christ alone? How many hearts have been drawn closer to God because you have done Christ-like deeds for them. How many lives have been actively influenced by your life to seek a closer walk with God? Let us be very definite. Are there, for example, any persons at this Easter meeting because the power of Christ's resurrection has warmed your heart sufficiently to make it seem worthwhile for you to bring them here for this devotional period? Have you been helpful in offering the children who live in your neighborhood, in your apartment, the children of your work-a-day friends and acquaintances the opportunities for religious instruction in the schools conducted by your Church? The living ones among Christ's followers see in every Christless child and adult a challenge and an opportunity. Those who know the meaning of life in Christ feel like the servants of the master who had prepared a great feast. They feel that they have been commanded by their Lord to go out into life's high and low places and constrain children and adults to come in where they may "taste and see that the Lord is good." Inactivity is a sign of spiritual death. When tested by this standard how much do you feel in need of the power of Christ's resurrection here and now?

Decay

Where there is normal life there is growth, but where there is death there is decay. Would you test how much you are spiritually alive? Then think of yourself as you were five years ago. Are you now giving more full expression to the things of the spirit than you were five years ago? Or, alas, are you forced to admit that the course of the years has made you less dependent on God's guidance, less dependent on prayer, less prone to thank God for His daily and hourly blessings, less concerned about bringing your whole life into subjection to His sovereign will? Remember that there is no state of rest in the life of the spirit. We either grow in grace or the measure of the grace within us finds us wanting even the grace we once had. Have the last five years seen you going from strength to strength, or is what remains of your spirituality only a "gilded halo hovering round decay"?

Impotence

Spiritual death brings not only inactivity but in time it also leaves the spirit impotent. The life of faith has Power! Dwells there a mountain-moving faith in you? When unlooked-for difficulties pile up in your way is there the knowledge that God is with you enabling you to overcome them? Have you at your command the might of heaven when temptation must be battled down, or is the only voice you hear the voice of doubt which bids you distrust your God-given powers and urges you to sit down at the foot of life's steep hills to lament their great height and your weakness? True life in the spirit of a person means power. Lack of that power means that he who has that lack dwells in a body of death from which he, like Paul, must cry to God for resurrection!

Cold and Gloom

Is your spirituality warm and radiant, joyful and contagious, or is it frigid, gloomy and repellant? If the

last named adjectives describe it then it is dead, dead as dead can be! Away with gloomy Christians. To speak of "gloomy Christians" is to use self-contradicting terms. The Lord Christ came from the grave to fill the cup of the Christian's joy. Christmas may, yea, should, be sober-minded—but not gloomy! St. Paul's letter to the Philippians forever stamps as "dead" that spirituality which is cold and glum and gloomy. Says he, "Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice!" This theme of joy runs throughout the score of this Pauline song of joy. "Your joy no man taketh away from you" is Jesus' promise to His true living disciples. He who claims to have been saved by Christ but who does not know the joy of that salvation has but partially achieved a living faith in Him.

Likely this outline of what it means to be spiritually dead has awakened in you a sense of need for Christ to impart to you the power of His resurrection. If He is to do so, you, like Thomas, must be ready to allow Him to impart to you the power of His resurrection by intimate contact with Him in the New Testament, in association with those who have been revived from their spiritual death by Him, in direct communion with Him through prayer and the sacrament of His body and blood, and in the doing of deeds of serving love. If the beautiful confession of Thomas, "My Lord and my God!" is to be our confession, if the signs of our spiritual death are to be taken away from us, if we are to become living, witnessing, active, growing, powerful and joyful disciples of His we must establish so intimate a union with Him that the root and basic sins of doubt and unbelief cannot come between us and Him. If there is to be an eternal Easter in our souls it will come because we have accepted the offer of the risen Lord to overcome in us the death-tending power of sin and to impart to us the life-giving power of His grace.

Suggested Service Elements

Hymns: "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"
 "The Day of Resurrection"
 "Welcome, Thou Victor In the Strife"
 "The World Itself Keeps Easter Day"

Psalm 111

Scripture Lesson: Colossians 3:1-17

April 8, 1934

The First Sunday after Easter

DEPENDING ON OUR HEAVENLY FATHER

(By Rev. F. Eppling Reinartz)

Psalm 23

Introductory Prayer

O God of peace, who broughtest back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do Thy will; working in us that which is well pleasing in Thy sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Topic Aims: 1. To show us how completely the Twenty-third Psalm portrays the willing and complete dependence which the trustful child of God places on the Heavenly Father. 2. To awaken in us the desire and purpose to put our whole trust in our Heavenly Father. 3. To indicate when and where the need for such dependence on our part is greatest.

The 23rd Psalm Is a Universal Favorite

In his enlightening exposition of the Book of Psalms, Dr. Alexander Maclaren says of the Twenty-third Psalm: "The world could spare many a large book better than this sunny little psalm. It has dried many tears and supplied the mould into which many hearts have poured their peaceful faith. It is the pure utterance of personal trust in Jehovah, darkened by no fears or complaints and so perfectly at rest that it has nothing more to ask. It is the psalm of quiet trust, undisturbed even by its joy, which is quiet too. The fire glows but does not flame or crackle. The lovely series of vivid pictures, each but a clause long; but clear-cut in that small compass, combines with the depth and simplicity of the religious emotion expressed, to lay this sweet psalm on all hearts." Few, if any, passages of Scripture have caught the imagination of more devotional spirits, more painters and poets, more musicians and hymn writers than have the six verses of this shepherd psalm. Not only has the word picture of the shepherd and his sheep appealed to religious painters and poets and musicians but it has also had a strong appeal for secular artists. The reason for this great and universal attraction is to be found in the native human need for someone in whom the heart may repose its trust as simply and as fully as the sheep trust the good shepherd. In Christian literature and art and music, as well as in Christian devotional exercises the figure of the shepherd and his sheep has had its appeal heightened by Jesus' comparing Himself to a good shepherd on whom we depend, who knows us by name, whose voice brings a joyful response from us, who protects us by his loving care, who proudly speaks of us as his own. Our straying human nature longs to feel that it is being led aright by a kindly, courageous, strong, understanding, and dependable leader. The heart of the devout Christian consciously or unconsciously adds the thought of Jesus to every hearing or recitation of this psalm. For the Christian the psalm begins: "The Lord Jesus is my shepherd."

A study of some of the details of this favorite psalm will make clear to us how completely and beautifully it pictures the Christian's dependence on his Heavenly Father.

Depending on the Heavenly Father for Refreshment and Guidance

How often in the fierce heat of the noontide of His earthly ministry our Lord Jesus withdrew His spirit from the baking sun-blaze of men's questionings and doubtings and sought out the green pastures of devotion and the still waters of prayer to His Heavenly Father! So He as our Good Shepherd knowing our constant need for spiritual renewal promises to lead us aside from the hard ways of life where the burdens and heat of the day have made us weary and footsore to green pastures and still waters of his goodness and mercy. In this age of feverish activity when the drive of our giddy-paced life often leaves us panting and famished for renewal of both body and spirit the message of this simple, trustful psalm with its promise of the sustenance of our inner and our outer life falls on the ear of the soul like sweet music. God guides to rest and lays to rest the soul that follows Jesus the good shepherd. His guidance is that of one who "leads."

He does not drive us. He goes before us and beckons us on to share the food and drink and rest which are to refresh our fainting powers and give us the vigor of "restored souls."

Depending on the Heavenly Father for Strength to Walk the "Straight Paths"

The midday and nightly rest provided by the good shepherd for the trusting soul is intended to fit it for further effort. Out again we must go into the road of life in spite of its heat and obstacles and dust. By "paths of righteousness" the psalmist means "straight paths," but since the "sheep" of which he sings are men, straight paths for them must needs be paths of righteousness. The psalmist has learned that the purpose of repose and refreshment is to prepare for tasks and marches which are made in the name and for the sake of the Lord. We are to "drink for strength, and not for drunkenness." A man may lie in a bath till strength is reduced, or may take a plunge and come from it braced for work. In the religious life it is possible to commit a similar error. We may so enjoy and indulge ourselves in hours of rest and communion that we forget that there are important tasks awaiting us and straight paths to tread. Moments of devotion which do not prepare for hours of practical goodness are very untrustworthy. But, on the other hand, the paths of righteousness will not be trodden by those who have known nothing of the need to dependence on the good shepherd to lead them aside for rest by still waters.

Depending on the Heavenly Father in the Valley of the Shadow.

In times when we must pass through the "gloomy darkness" of sorrow we are in special need of the guidance of the good shepherd. Happy is the soul that knows that as certainly as life brings the necessity for the passage through the "valley of the shadow" so certainly will the good shepherd be at hand to cheer, to comfort and to bless. The road will not always be bright and smooth, but will, yes it must sometimes plunge down into the grim depths where no sunbeams reach save those that come from the Sun of Righteousness. The dependent sheep gradually learns to know, as did St. Paul, neither "things present nor things to come" can separate it from the loving concern, comfort and care of the good shepherd. It is well with him who depends on the direction of the shepherd's crook and the power of the shepherd's staff to "beat down satan under our feet."

Dependence Upon Our Heavenly Father In the Face of Danger

The test of the sheep's dependence on the shepherd comes when the sign of danger to the flock appears. This trustful psalm reminds us that he who supplies the needs of the sheep when they are weary, when they trudge along the toilsome road and through the valley of the shadow, will also supply their wants in the face of danger and in the midst of conflict. "The table spread in the sight of the enemy is a more signal token of care and power than the green pastures are. Life is not only journey and effort, but also conflict; and it is possible not only to have seasons of refreshment in the weary march, but to find a sudden table spread by the same unseen which holds back the foes who look

on with grim eyes, powerless to disturb the guests. This is the condition of God's servant—always conflict, but always a spread table.

It is no scanty meal that waits God's soldier under such circumstances, but a banquet accompanied with signs of festivity,—the head anointed with oil and the full cup. God's supplies are wont to surpass the narrow limits of our needs, having something over which as yet we are unable to take in, but which is not wasted, since it widens our desire and thereby increases our ability to receive more and more of His lavish and generous supply."

Dependence On Our Heavenly Father's Goodness and Mercy in the Future

When dependence on the heavenly father's shepherd-like care has been found to be justified in the past it most naturally projects itself into the future. We trust the future to those whom we have found trustworthy in the past. Confidence in the keeping power of the heavenly father "all the days of our life" grows out of past experiences of his goodness and mercy. Goodness and mercy, like to angels, seem to pursue the trustful and dependent souls, as it were, to run them down, in their determination to bestow upon them their blessings. Memory melts into hope and these twin enchantresses lure us on to the future which is bright with promise of the lasting goodness of the Lord. So complete can the assurance of the dependent souls become that they reach the place where they are possessed by the inner certainty that "only goodness and mercy" will follow them. The good shepherd is not only content to guard the advance of his sheep by going on before them. He causes these bright-faced angels, his goodness and mercy, to follow the flock as a rear-guard.

"The closing hope of dwelling in the house of the Lord to length of days rises above even the former verse. The singer knew himself a guest of God's at the table spread before the foe, but that was as it were, refreshment on the march, while this is continual abiding in the home. The hope is here confined to the earthly present, but the Christian reading of the psalm can scarcely fail to transfer the words to a heavenly future. Here we eat in haste and with an eye on the foe, but we may hope to sit down at another table in the prefected kingdom. The end of the fray is the beginning of the feast. "We shall go out no more."

Suggested Service Elements:

Hymns: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"
 "Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us"
 "Shepherd of Tender Youth"
 "The Lord Is My Shepherd"
 "Thine Forever! God of Love"

Psalm: 46 or Psalm 103.

Scripture Lesson: Romans 8:35-39.

April 15, 1934.

The Second Sunday after Easter "KNOWING OUR HEAVENLY FATHER."

(By Rev. F. Eppling Reinartz)

Matthew 11:27

"All things are delivered unto me of my father; and no man knoweth the son, but the father; neither knoweth any man the father, save the son, and he to whomsoever the son will reveal him."

Our Topic Aim

1. To assure us that it is possible for us to know our heavenly father. 2. To remind us that if our love to our heavenly father is to be the controlling influence in our life it must be born of first-hand knowledge of our heavenly father. 3. To point us to some ways and to **The Way** to know our heavenly father. 4. To confront us with some of the responsibilities which are placed upon us by our knowledge of our Heavenly Father.

Introductory Prayer

Almighty God, our heavenly father, to know thee through thy Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, is to love thee; to love thee is to serve thee and thy children who are near at hand and afar off; help us to know and love and serve thee and thus to fulfill the commandment of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

First: We Can Know Our Heavenly Father

Every copy of the Bible is a silent witness to the fact that we can know God. The Scriptures not only show us that it is possible for us to know our heavenly father but they also prove to us that it is the heavenly father's desire that we should know him. We speak of God revealing himself in the pages of his word and when we do so we mean that God is striving to make it clear to us that he can be known. Any thoughtful reading of God's word will show the reader that God not only invites us to search for him there but that he is also searching for and is on a quest for us.

Every God-guided, God-serving human life is a certain proof that we can know our Heavenly Father. To the question, "Can we know our heavenly father? 'saints, apostles, prophets, martyrs, answer, yes!'" It was knowledge of the grace of the Heavenly Father that sustained the marvelous missionary ministry of St. Paul. It was knowledge of the forgiving mercy of the Heavenly Father that transformed the sinful son of Monaca into the saintly son of God known to us as St. Augustine. It was knowledge of the truth that each of us can come directly to our Heavenly Father and be accepted of Him that helped to make possible the glorious career of Luther. It is knowledge of the abounding love of the Heavenly Father for all mankind and the knowledge of the fact that it is the Heavenly Father's desire that all men should be saved that has explained and does explain the careers of Judson, Cary, Heyer, Livingstone, Grenfell and Jones and of hundreds of other God-knowing missionaries of the cross.

It is thrilling to remember that the same sources of the knowledge of God which these preeminent sons of the Heavenly Father sought and found and used are also available to each of us. The raw materials of the knowledge of God and the tools for securing them for ourselves are at hand for us as they were for them. From the methods which they used for gaining their knowledge of the Heavenly Father and from the results of their search for that knowledge we can gain much instruction and help in making our search for knowledge of Him. But it is here that the help of those who have known God in the past ceases to be help to us. They cannot find God for us. We must use our own tools and equipment. We must set out in search for knowledge of the Heavenly Father ourselves. If our

love to God is to be a controlling influence in our lives then,

Second: Our Knowledge of the Heavenly Father Must Not Be Second-hand Knowledge

We make a mistake if we despise the dealer in second-hand goods in the world of trade. His part like that of the dealer in used automobiles is an important one in the commercial life of this country. His place of business may not attract us as do the grand department stores and markets of our cities, but it is nevertheless quite as important as are they. And his goods are not to be despised. The fact is that some second-hand articles which are retained long enough in their second-hand state acquire great distinction as antiques for which buyers are willing to pay fancy prices.

There are, however, some things which we cannot get second-hand. You must get them directly for yourself and by yourself. No one can sell them to you and you cannot pass them on to others. Among these things are friendship, love of the beautiful and artistic and a passion for truth and goodness. It is specially true that it is not possible for us to get our knowledge of God second-hand if that knowledge is to be a vital thing in our life. Parents, and Sunday School Teachers and pastors may do much to give us guidance in our quest for this knowledge of the Heavenly Father; guidance which they have gained in their own quest for God they can pass on to us in some measure, but the quest itself must be made by each of us for himself. We must gain our knowledge of God through our own experience of God. On the wall of the now unused chapel of old Divinity Hall in Harvard University there is engraved in stone the counsel which was the theme of the famous Divinity School Address of our American poet-philosopher, Ralph Waldo Emerson. It reads:

"Acquaint thyself at first-hand with Deity."

Second-hand furniture may serve you well enough. A second-hand house may become a pleasant home. A second-hand automobile may carry you far. But a second-hand knowledge of the heavenly father will not give energy and vigor, and the spirit of sacrifice and a sense of the need of renewal, the unselfish desire to serve our fellow-men and a soul filled with joy. These come only from knowing Him at first-hand.

Lest, however, we undervalue the assistance in our own search for knowledge of the Heavenly Father which can be gained from the experience of others, we will do well to point out—

Third: Some Ways, and the Way to Know the Heavenly Father

(a) We can learn to know the Heavenly Father in **Nature**. There he has shown himself to us in terms of boundless creative power, the source of order and plan and physical beauty. The ugly lily bulb conspiring with springtime's frosts and rains and winds, its dark days and its sunshine, forces with gentle insistence through the crust of the nourishing ground a plant and a bloom which speak to the sensitized heart of the beauty of the thought of God behind them. The birds winging their way northward tell those who will but listen and see how profound is the depth of the wisdom and knowledge of the God who created them with their instincts and without whose sight "not a sparrow ever falleth," Robert Browning reminds us that,—

Earth's crammed with heaven,
And every common bush afire with God;
And only he who sees takes off his shoes;
The rest sit round it and pluck blackberries.

(b) We can learn to know God through the voice of **Conscience**. For those who have not destroyed the heart's native hunger for God there is a means of knowing that the Heavenly Father loves the good and despises the evil. This means of knowing God we call conscience. The conscience which is unsullied by sin and which is not paralyzed by the sense of guilt enables its possessor to know when his thoughts and words and deeds are in accord with the will of God. Of course the conscience must be kept, like the heart, with all diligence. It must be regularly attuned to God through contact with God's Son. Jesus is the Christian's conscience.

(c) We can learn to know God in **Godly Persons**. We may see in them the power of God to transform life. We may see in them the power of God to enable human beings to overcome great difficulties, to endure great afflictions, to subdue the "lightnings within" and the "fears without." The study of the autobiographies and biographies and the devotional writings of great Christians is quite certain to help one gain knowledge of the Heavenly Father and to sharpen one's appetite for further and fuller knowledge of God.

(d) We can learn to know the heavenly father completely only through the approach to him by The Way, Jesus Christ, the Lord. " * * * neither knoweth any man the father, save the son, and he to whomsoever the son will reveal him." It is alone through Christ that we can learn to know the heavenly father's goodness, his desire to redeem the souls of men, his grace abounding to even the chief of sinners, his wisdom, his nearness, his power to guide, protect and strengthen those who trust him, his yearning love for mankind, his providential care for his creatures, his flaming wrath against sin, his wisdom in all things, his desire for the gratitude, the worship and the prayers of his children, his desire that we be co-laborers with him. Truly he that would learn to know the Heavenly Father in these terms must learn to trust that he that hath seen Christ hath seen the father. He who would have his brain satisfied and his heart assured that the Heavenly Father is Love must seek and gain that satisfaction and assurance only through God's suffering, saving Son, the Lord Jesus.

But to know the Heavenly Father is not enough. Our knowledge of Him must issue in godly deeds. It remains for us to confront ourselves with

Fourth: Some Responsibilities Which Our Knowledge of Our Heavenly Father Places Upon Each One of Us

1. To trust in his never-failing goodness.
2. To seek opportunities for communion with him in prayer.
3. To communicate our faith in him to others.
4. To be a loyal friend of all that is godly and a fierce enemy of all that is godless.
5. Courageously to seek to do his will even though it means the undoing of our will.
6. To be forgiving even as he is forgiving.
7. To cultivate the purity of heart which enables us to know the Heavenly Father ever more fully through Christ.

8. To strive for the bringing in of the age of human brotherhood.
9. To be discontented with every attainment which is below the level of our best.
10. To reserve our best time and treasures and talents for the doing of the Heavenly Father's work on earth.

Knowledge we ask not,—knowledge Thou hast lent,
But, Lord, the will—there lies the bitter need;
Give us to build above the deep intent
The deed! the deed!

Suggested Service Elements:

Hymns: "God Spake, My Child, God Spake to Thee"

"This is My Father's World."

"In the Vineyard of Our Father."

"Blest are the Pure in Heart."

"Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us."

Psalm 19 or 103.

Scripture Lesson: John 14:1-21.

April 22, 1934

Third Sunday after Easter

A DAY WITH A FOREIGN MISSIONARY

Acts 14:21-28

(By Miss Mary E. Heltibridle, Kumamoto, Japan)

(Miss Heltibridle, after a furlough, has returned to her work at Ji-Ai-En, Kumamoto, Japan. This topic was written on the steamship en route to Japan.)

Aim for Leader: To challenge all Leaguers to remember that all Christians are missionaries whose main business it is to share Christ with others.

General Activities

The work of missionaries is divided into several phases of Christian activity—evangelistic, educational, medical, industrial and social service.

The evangelistic missionaries are the ordained men who co-operate with native catechists, evangelists and pastors to conduct various types of meetings, street preaching, Bible classes, Sunday Schools, and regular services in organized churches. These men, together with missionary women evangelists and native Bible women have as their chief business the telling of Jesus Christ and the baptizing of converts, and their days and sometimes their nights are busy. Educational missionaries usually participate in full time teaching or administrative positions in mission schools and between and before and after classroom hours hold individual group conferences with both pupils and parents. This is the group that prepares the hearts and minds of the people for the work of the evangelistic missionaries. Medical missionaries are especially active in China, India and Africa, and it is their privilege to heal both souls and bodies, and their days' journals are full of stories of routine work as well as unexpected happenings. Industrial missions furnish Christians an opportunity to earn a living in accord with Christian principles. Missionaries connected with this type of activity and with Christian social service centers have a varied and interesting day's program that includes anything from farming to entertaining royalty.

The day's work may be carefully planned by the missionary, but when the needs of the hour conflict with the planned schedule plans are abandoned. The majority of missionaries reserve at least an hour each day for language study, but sometimes guests come during this hour, and since "honorable guests" always have first claim on one's time, language study waits—until

the next hour or the next day. Dinner invitations are accepted, but sometimes last minute regrets must be sent to the hostess.

"Whatsoever You Do"

The missionary's time does not belong to the missionary. It belongs to God, and God gives it to the public. Answering questions is the order of the day—"Please tell us how to make proper clothing for my baby"—"Why do you American Christians have a Christmas tree? Is it because when your God came down from heaven He landed on an evergreen tree? Or, Why is Santa Claus the God of Christmas?"—"Please teach us to plan and prepare better food for our families"—"How old are you and where is your husband?"—"Tell us about your God"—"Tell us about America"—"How can I accept this religion of Jesus and yet keep faith with my ancestors who died without hearing of Jesus?" The answers often are difficult. The new missionary often feels like a new animal in a zoo—everybody comes to watch the new animal. Village noses are flattened against dining room window panes while the missionaries eat, native women come up, sometimes slyly, and rub curious fingers over missionary women's apparel, more polite and wondering ones come to the door and request a personally conducted tour through the missionary home to see how the "foreign fools" live. And all of this is very interesting, but sometimes very irritating. But one soon learns to pray that "whatsoever one does—may be done to the glory of God." One little child, peeping through a secluded window saw a missionary alone and praying. He quietly withdrew, called a meeting of his gang, and announced what he had seen. He informed them that since the missionary prayed he would pray also, and said that it would be well if all members of the gang did likewise. Prayer became a habit with the children in that gang. One loyal Japanese Christian says that his first interest in Christianity began the day he saw an English missionary woman riding on a train between his home and his school. He asked her to help him with a difficult sentence in his English lesson. She helped him. She didn't talk to him about religion—she only interpreted a difficult passage in his school book. But because she had learned to do all for the glory of God that school-boy resolved then and there that some day he would find what there was in that woman's religion that made her what she was. Later, when he began to seek, he found Christ, and now he says, "All my life will I serve Him."

"New Life Hall"

The day's work sometimes seems to end in empty nothing—sometimes it never ends but grows into ever-widening circles. In Fukuoka, Japan, there is a small unpainted building with a brown tile roof and a sign which reads "New Life Hall." There a Japanese Christian and a missionary conduct a newspaper evangelism office and insert notices in the various daily newspapers saying that they will be glad to answer any questions about Christ and His religion, and to share their lending library of Christian books. Many respond to these notices and among the lot are always a number of invalids and shut-ins. One day a missionary in Osaka found among his morning mail a letter which said, in effect, "I have long been an invalid. One day I read in

a newspaper a notice of the New Life Hall and the story of Jesus. I have been given some literature. I have bought a Bible and am reading it. The missionary in Fukuoka asked me to write to you, since you live so near my home here in Osaka. I want to be baptized." The missionary from Osaka went to visit his neighbor and found her dying of tuberculosis. He baptized her. Before her death her whole family was becoming interested in the religion of Jesus which had brought so much happiness to the invalid girl.

Hearing and Seeing

Non-Christians all over the world have heard that Jesus lived and preached a gospel of mercy. They hear a like preaching from His followers, but what they see means more than what they hear. At one mission orphanage one of the cows that supplied milk for the children became suddenly and critically ill. Veterinarians shook their heads and shrugged their shoulders and said, "No use. The cow will die." Then the missionary superintendent and the missionary nurse discarded other plans and proceeded to nurse the cow with medicines, blankets, and prayers. Villagers came to watch the cow die, but the cow didn't die. The villagers stayed to marvel and then went home to exclaim to their neighbors. Later one village woman was heard to say to her neighbor, "That's the way those two missionaries worked for one cow. If they do all that for a cow, what wouldn't they do for a human being? No wonder the orphans sent to them fare so well." And all of this is part of the day's work.

Each missionary could tell of the varied and unusual things that are included purposely and accidentally in the day's program. They might tell of beggars or of princes—for even non-Christian governments sometimes do honor to Christian missions, they might tell of meetings planned and meetings attended, of sick bodies healed and of beggars given employment, of awakened intelligence or of prevented suicide, for all of these and more are a part of the day's work. Christian missions include all of this. But the most thrilling and the most satisfying thing any missionary can say at the end of a day's work is, "Some soul shared my Christ today." Missions means just that—sharing Christ. And that means that all Christians are challenged to become missionaries and share Christ with all men everywhere.

Program Suggestions: If possible, have letters read from missionaries in different lands, both in America and abroad, and if possible from ones doing different types of work—educational, evangelistic, etc.

References: The Lutheran, The Foreign Missionary, Lutheran Woman's Work, Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions, Publications from the Women's Missionary Society, Lives of Missionary Heroes.

Possible Debate: "A missionary is or is not justified in spending time in 'extra' activities such as political clubs, social clubs, cooking or sewing classes with native Christians or non-Christians."

Discussion Topics: What is, or what should be the difference between the commissioned missionary and the Christian layman? What would happen if all Luther League members became active missionaries—sharing Christ with neighbors and friends?

April 29, 1934

Fourth Sunday after Easter
BETTER LEAGUE MEETINGS
LUTHER LEAGUE DAY
In Preparation for the Meeting

This is a splendid time for every member of the League to make suggestions for its betterment. Have a question box, and ask each member to write his sug-

gestions on a piece of paper and drop them in the box two weeks previous to the meeting. Have a discussion of the various methods presented for making better League meetings. Have someone present a talk on "A Job for Every Leaguer, Every Leaguer on the Job" (this issue of the Review).

Have a member tell "How the League Dues Are Spent. Why Is There Need for Sustaining Memberships?" ("The Questions of the Day" in this issue of the Review.) This question is of interest to all members of the League. Have a member discuss "Wanted—An Engineering Vision" (this issue of the Review).

The President should present plans for spring and summer months for League meetings. Reports of the work accomplished in the Educational, Missionary and Life Service work with plans for the future by the various Secretaries. The Devotional Committee should offer some very definite plans for making the League meetings better.

Purpose

The Luther League devotional meeting is the most important phase of League work. If it fails to give its members a better knowledge of Christ, the work of His Church and to develop a Christian personality, and promote a larger and more effective co-operation, it has to a large degree failed in its mission.

A Christian cannot long remain true to the cause he represents unless he is constantly seeking to know Christ better and learn to live the life that is pleasing in His sight.

Prayer

To make our meetings increasingly helpful we should put into them more prayer. Great good may be accomplished by a pre-prayer service. This is often neglected and we fail to have the proper spiritual atmosphere in our meetings because we are not in a proper frame of mind. If the devotional committee, the leader and those who are assigned various parts in the program could meet for a brief season of prayer just before the meeting begins, and sincerely ask God's blessing upon the meeting, it will make it God's meeting as well as yours.

Preparation

One way of making meetings more helpful is to make more preparation for them. Too often we come to the League meetings not even knowing the topic. We can scarcely expect to derive benefit from something on which we have put so little effort. If we get the habit of being prepared for League meetings, we shall apply it to other things in life as well.

Promotion

There is always room for improvement. As long as there is progress, there must be improvement. It is dangerous for us to sit back and be too satisfied with ourselves and our League meetings. It means that our League will be in the rut, if it is not there already.

We need to examine our meetings and see whether or not they provide opportunities for the individual Leaguers to develop their talents and interests in the service of the Kingdom. We need to encourage steadfastness, co-operation, earnestness, tolerance, and personal consecration.

Make your League meeting the channel through which information on what is going on in the Church,

in the whole Church of which you are a part and the specific work which your own Church is doing.

A definite program, a definite plan means stimulated interest on the part of your individual members. No organization can be of any good to itself or to others, if no thought is given to individual meetings; a weakness in meetings means weakness everywhere.

Discussion

1. What is the biggest task our League could undertake?
2. Does your personal purpose make any difference to the League as a group? How?
3. In what things did this League fail this year? What can be done about it?
4. Does everyone in the organization make some contribution to the meetings? What can be done about this?

Intermediate Topics

April 1, 1934

MY LORD AND MY GOD

John 20:26-29

Today is Easter. It is the joy-day for the Christian world. A little more than three months ago we observed Christmas, which is the Christian world's peace-day and good will-day. At that time we went to the manger with the shepherds, bearing our gifts to the heavenly Babe. Today we go to the tomb with the women and the disciples, receiving the gift of all gifts, "our Lord and our God."

Why Our Joy-Day?

Because of the fact (not hearsay or fiction) of the rising (resurrection) of our Lord from the dead. Between Good Friday (the day of our Lord's death) and Easter morning the hearts of Christ's little band of followers were weighed down with sadness. The frightful things they had seen before and during His death were enough to make them sad, even hopeless. But not for long was this to be. For with the coming of Monday morning (now our Sunday) came also joy upon hearing the words of the angel, "Fear not ye, for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen." At these words the women departed quickly from the tomb with "fear and great joy."

The nearest joy to that experienced by the women at the tomb is the joy that is felt by a mother on the return of a child she had for a long time thought dead.

But the women at the tomb felt both "fear and great joy." Why was that? Well, to hear that Christ was risen, was a matter for rejoicing; but to be led into His grave, and to see an angel, and to talk with him about it, could not cause but fear. It was good news, but they were afraid it was too good to be true.

Mark though that their joy was greater than their fear. That is as it should be. The Psalmist says, "Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling." Our unworthiness of God's favor should cause us fear, but our knowledge of His mercy should make us to rejoice. It is perfect love and joy that will cast out fear.

My Lord and My God

The scene changes for purposes of our study from the tomb to the room occupied by the disciples. It was

the evening of the same day, however. The disciples were assembled behind closed doors for fear of the Jews. Suddenly Jesus came into their midst, and said unto them, "Peace be with you." He talked with them and gave them the power of the Holy Ghost. And the disciples were glad.

The Lord left the disciples, whereupon Thomas, who had not been present at his Lord's first appearance, joined his friends, and was told all that had happened. But Thomas disbelieved them. What's more he vowed that he would not even believe his own eyes unless he could touch the pierced hands and side of his Lord.

Eight days passed before the Lord satisfied the curiosity and dispelled the doubt of Thomas. One can imagine that Thomas was fast becoming a bit proud of himself by this time. Either that or he was becoming more fearful lest he had offended his Lord by his silly boasting before the disciples.

During the eight days between the Lord's two appearances before the disciples was it possible that He was giving Thomas plenty of time to consider carefully the meaning of his boasting and threat? Possibly so. At any rate when He came among the disciples the second time, Thomas being present, one look and one word from his Lord was enough to satisfy Thomas. Thereupon he confessed, "My Lord and my God."

What This Incident Teaches Us

1. That Jesus will go the limit to prove Himself to us. With Thomas He was willing, not only to show His hands and side, but to let him touch them, in order to make a believer out of him.

2. That some people before believing in Christ must see the very blood dripping out of His wounded hands and side. We look into the eyes of a person to read his character; into his words to read his thoughts; and into his deeds to read his conduct. We have the face, the words and the deeds of Jesus—aren't they enough to make us true believers?

3. That the Lord knows the innermost secrets of our hearts. Observe the words He used in answering Thomas. Were they not Thomas's own words? We can't hide anything from the Lord no matter how hard we try. We can hide things from people, but why fool ourselves when the Lord sees them just the same?

4. That the harder you hurt the Lord the harder He will seek you out to prove His love to you. He is truly the Good Shepherd who searches diligently for the lost sheep of the fold. He who taught us to endure the hurt of our enemies is willing even to endure the hurt of His friends.

5. That faith will come out the victor over unbelief if the unbeliever is given a chance or is willing to see His Lord. Thomas's boasting turned to shame upon sight of the Lord. We are not told whether Thomas did put his finger into the prints of the nails; it should seem he did not, for Christ says (verse 29), "Thou hast seen and believed. So, credit is due Thomas for his change of mind."

6. That we, like Thomas, will arrive at the same answer as to who our "Lord and God" is if we will only seek to see Him. And where should we look for Him? There's only one place to look. That is in the Bible. And there is only one way to look. That is through a praying and believing heart.

7. That Thomas's Lord and God is the one and only Lord and God that is able to give joy and peace to the person that is seeking the highest good in this life. The meaning of "my Lord" is "my foundation and stay;" while that of "my God" is "my prince and judge." Thus Christ becomes the sure foundation for all of life, and the appointed judge of all our thoughts and deeds.

8. That we can never hope to say, "My Lord and my God," and realize what we mean until we share in His sufferings and death. Mary Magdalene, the woman of all women who should have known her Lord, actually didn't know Him until that Easter morn she met Him in the tomb and said, "Master." Nor did Peter see Jesus in all His glory until thrice the Christ wrestled from his lips on the shores of Galilee, "Thou knowest that I love Thee."

If you want to look through a telescope you must put your eye up against the lens, otherwise you will see only your own face. Seeing Jesus means looking by putting your eyes up against His face and saying, "My Lord and my God."

April 8, 1934

HOW DO WE KNOW GOD?

Matthew 11:28-30

In the Bible lesson for today we are invited by Jesus to "Come * * * learn of me." No other religious leader ever invited his followers to enjoy such a close fellowship. No other religious leader dared to do it, because none could stand the test of so close a study.

It is said that two people must eat a ton of salt together before learning to know all about each other. The meaning of this impossible demand is, of course, to the effect that two persons, no matter how long or close they live together, will never know each other completely. All of us have inner thoughts, secrets and desires that no person living will learn of. They are securely locked up in the deep chambers of our minds and hearts.

The same is true concerning our knowledge of God. We can never hope to know Him in all the power and beauty of His divine self. But it is different with Him with respect to knowing us. He knows all about us. In fact He knows us better than we know ourselves. The Psalmist says, "O Lord, thou hast searched me and know me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off."

And it is because God knows us so well that He invites us to "Come * * * learn of Him." This invitation is given to us, too, because there is no other way to know God as our Father except we learn from His Son, Jesus Christ.

There are other ways to know God, but only the one sure way, which is Jesus. Nature, the starry skies, the order of the universe, Godly people, conscience, and so on, are "footprints on the sands of time" which tell us of the wonderful God above. But these ways of knowing God others have who have not Jesus, yet the non-Christians in Africa, Japan, China, India and other dark lands, do not know God as we who know Him through the Way, the Truth and the Light, which is Jesus. We know God better through these many other ways because of having Jesus to learn from first of all.

Someone came once to an Arab in his tent in the desert, and said to him, "How do you know there is a God?" He said, "How do I know whether it was a man or a camel that went by my tent last night?" How did he know which it was? "By the footprints." The marks in the sand showed whether it was a man's foot or a camel's foot that had passed his tent. So the Arab said, "That is the way I know God. I know Him by His footprints. These are His footprints that are all around me."

To the Arab the sands of the desert is his newspaper. He reads from this news sheet as he travels under the hot sun, something to this wise: "Ah, three days ago a flock of gazelles passed here;—" "This is the track of a wolf that was following them;—" "This is the track of a large desert lizard;—" "Here a caravan of twelve camels and five men passed just an hour ago;" and so on. Yes, the Arab is a close observer, but how can he know God aright when his religious teacher, Mohammed, is quoted as saying, "Verily, a lie is justifiable in three cases: in war, to women and to reconcile friends;" or when he is taught to kill his enemies and to consider a Christian an infidel? He can't possibly know God under those conditions, even though he thinks he knows Him by His footprints.

But we do know God by the "footprints of Jesus." Our Lord's footprints are clearly seen everywhere in the Bible; and yes, in nature, in people, in our consciences, in the Christ-like deeds of men and institutions—everywhere; but nowhere so unmistakably clear as in the Person, the life and the teachings of Jesus Christ. "Come * * * learn of me."

What an intimate fellowship is open to us, dear youth, in acceptance of Christ's invitation to "Come * * * learn of me." When Bishop Beveridge was on his death-bed he did not know any of his relatives or friends. A minister whom he knew well visited him, and when he said, "Bishop, do you know me?" "Who are you?" asked the Bishop. Being told who the minister was, he said that he did not know him. Another friend came, who had been equally well known and said, "Do you know me, Bishop?" "Who are you?" he asked. Again the Bishop did not recall his friend upon being told who he was. His wife then came to his bedside, and asked him if he knew her. But the dying man did not recognize even this, his nearest relative. "Well," said one, "Bishop, do you know the Lord Jesus Christ?" "Jesus Christ!" said he, reviving, as if the name had produced on him the influence of a charm. "Oh, yes, I knew Him these forty years; precious Saviour, He is my only hope!"

Discussion

1. What do you learn about God from Jesus according to John 5:37-39?
2. Why is Jesus the only source we have of knowing God as our Father? Read John 8:28.
3. Could you ever hope to know God, as the Father, from a study of nature, etc.?
4. Mention ways that Jesus made God known to the world.
5. Mention ways that we may make God known to others.
6. After knowing God what is the next step? Read Proverbs 3:6.

April 15, 1934

WHAT DO WE OWE TO GOD?

Psalms 34:1-10

It isn't a hard matter to figure out what and how much we owe to one another. A friend does you a good turn and right away you are indebted to him. You buy a piece of merchandise, and at once you owe the merchant. But as soon as you have paid off the friend and the merchant, you are no longer in debt to them.

How different it is in our owing God. We will never be able to pay off God for what He has done for us. And the reason for this is because He is pouring good things into our laps faster than we can even thank Him for them. God, in His giving, is like a ceaseless spring of water, which flows forth and onward evermore. He isn't like a spring that dries up at such times when the rainfall isn't great enough to keep it supplied, thus causing us to thirst.

He is the great Fountain of Life. Out of Him gushes forth the very power of life that we need daily. We can't fully understand this, but we see its effects, and we can only say, "In his hand is the breath of all living." In Him we "live and move and have our being."

GOD THE ONLY GIVER

Earth gets its price for what earth gives us;
The beggar is taxed for a corner to die in.
The priest hath his fee who comes and shrives us,
We bargain for the graves we lie in.
At the Devil's booth are all things sold.
Each ounce of dross costs its ounce of gold:
For a cap and bells our lives we pay,
Bubbles we buy with a whole soul's tasking;
'Tis heaven alone that is given away,
'Tis only God may be had for the asking.—Lowell.

Listing Our Debts to God

Is such a thing possible? Hardly! So let this story tell why it isn't possible. I was walking along one winter's night hurrying towards home, with my little maiden at my side. Said she, "Father, I am going to count the stars." "Very well," I said, "go on." By and by I heard her counting, "Two hundred and twenty-three, two hundred and twenty-four, two hundred and twenty-five. Oh, dear," she said, "I had no idea there were so many." "Ah, dear friends, I sometimes say in my soul, "Now, Master, I am going to count Thy benefits." Soon my heart sighs—sighs not with sorrow, but burdened with such goodness, and I say within myself, "Ah, I had no idea there were so many."—M. G. Pearce.

I think that if I should ask you the question in person, "What do you owe to God?", you would answer either in five words and say, "I owe God for everything," or you would start out to list such things as home, church, school, friends, etc. In either case you would be right, provided by the use of the term "everything" you meant only good things. God is the giver of only "good and perfect gifts." And according to your answer I might proceed to jot down and elaborate upon any number of things for which we owe God our thanks. Instead I'm going to list a few things we owe God that likely never occurred to you.

1. We owe Him forgiveness. No, I don't mean to say that we must forgive God, but that we owe it to God to forgive our fellows who have wronged us. This means that instead of just thanking God for the gift of His Son, we are willing and ready through that Gift to pay off God in the best way we know how, and in a way that pleases God far more than any other way we know.

"What is forgiveness?" was asked of a little boy, and he gave this beautiful answer: "It is the odor that flowers breathe when they are trampled upon." Probably the finest and sweetest thing a Christian can do to win favor at the throne of God is to forgive. Jesus put a great deal of stress on this matter of Christian conduct. In reply to Peter's question, "Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Till seven times?" Jesus said, "I say not unto thee, until seven times, but until seventy times seven." Forgiveness is the odor that true Christians breathe when they are trampled upon.

2. Next we owe it to God to be thoughtful and helpful of others. The coinage we must use to pay off God in return for his love toward us is love. James writes: "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." Well, it takes love to visit the needy and it's love that keeps the spots of the world off a person.

Value of Love

A king asked his three daughters how much they loved him. Two of them replied that they loved him better than all the gold and silver in the world. The youngest one said she loved him better than salt. The king was not pleased with her answer, as he thought salt was not very palatable. But the cook, overhearing the remark, put no salt in anything for breakfast next morning, and the meal was so tasteless that the king could not enjoy it. He then saw the force of his daughter's remark. She loved him so well that nothing was good without him.—A. C. Dixon.

So loving our enemies so much that we'll forgive them seventy times seven (which means any number of times), and loving the poor and needy for Jesus' sake, constitutes about the best way I know of to pay off God for the many rich benefits He bestows upon us daily.

Of course, we owe life and eternity to God. Of course, we owe praise and thanksgiving to God. Of course, we owe so many, many things to God, but above all else we owe Him love.

THE CALL OF LOVE

My God, I love Thee, not because
I look for heaven thereby,
Nor yet because who love Thee not
Are lost eternally.

Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me
Upon the cross embrace.
For me didst bear the nails and spear,
And manifold disgrace.

Then why, O blessed Jesus Christ,
Should I not love Thee well,
Not for the sake of winning heaven,
Or of escaping hell?

Not with the hope of gaining ought,
Not seeking a reward;
But as Thyself has loved me,
O ever loving Lord.

Even so I love Thee, and will love,
And in Thy praise will sin,
Solely because Thou art my God,
And my eternal King.

April 22, 1934

A DAY WITH A FOREIGN MISSIONARY (Book Review: "How Far to the Nearest Doctor?")

Here in America we don't ask, "How far to the nearest doctor?", but rush to the telephone and call him to the house, or summon an ambulance to take our sick relative to the hospital. Nor do we have to fight against

age-long practices on the part of witch doctors before deciding to go ourselves or take someone else for medical care. And when we go to a hospital or call in a doctor is it necessary to lay on a mud floor to be treated or operated upon? We rest on a soft mattress and in between clean, white spreads. If we have a headache the doctor doesn't use a rusty, crude knife to scrape into our forehead clear to the bone, and then have a vile-smelling solution poured into the fresh wound.

If such conditions held forth, few if any of us, would risk taking a chance on getting medical care. We'd rather die. But such are the conditions and others far worse, about which you will learn in reading Edward M. Dodd's book "How Far to the Nearest Doctor?"

It is a book packed full of heroic Christian service being rendered the countless millions of scattered people in Western Asia and Africa. The book reads like fiction, and you'll not be satisfied to put it aside until read through. The doctors you will come to know by name, are living examples of the Christ-inspired type of professional men who would rather go all night without sleep to save a life in some jungle home, than to sit before an organ in a crowded concert hall in Europe or go on with a paying practice in America.

You know what a preview in a movie is—a sort of appetizer to make you want to see the whole picture. That is our purpose here today. We will give you "snatches" of the book under study, hoping to whet your mental appetites for the whole story. The book is one of four of this year's Reading Course. You can get it from the United Lutheran Publication House, 1228 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, Pa., for 75 cents.

Chapter One—Why They Come

Hassan is an Arab. He has a family of four children. Because of sickness he is unable to provide enough food for his family. His fever becomes worse in spite of all the trickery used on him by the witch doctors. He loses hope of ever recovering. Word comes to him through a peddler about the wonderful cures done by a white doctor. Hassan becomes interested, and although he and his race hate Christians, he decides to swallow his pride in order to get well.

For days he travels over rough mountain roads on the back of a slow-moving donkey to the hospital. He is kindly received and tenderly treated. In a little while Hassan is well and returns to his people with nothing but praise for the doctor and the hospital. Wherever he goes for the rest of his life he tells about his good friends at the Christian mission hospital and what they did for him.

As Hassan went to the hospital to get well, so the author tells us in a vivid story form, countless others like him come to the Christian doctor and the Christian hospital because of the kindness shown them; because they are honestly dealt with and because "When these people speak, they speak the truth. They are not like us!", which are the words of a Persian in defense of a Christian doctor, and because of a Christ-pulling power.

Chapter Two—Frontier Trails

Chikki is an outlaw chief that lives on the frontier of India, somewhere near Afghanistan. His daily hobby was to murder people and plunder their villages. Down from the fastness of his mountain hide-out he'd swoop

suddenly and in a surprise attack lay ruin to one of many small villages nearby.

Into Chikki's den rode a medical missionary, Dr. Theodore Pennell, summoned there to give aid to a wounded warrior of the chieftain. The doctor and Chikki met.

"Allah be with thee," said the chieftain.

"And with you, my friend," replied Dr. Pennell.

"Didst thou not fear to come?" asked Chikki, with a grim smile.

"Am I not thy guest?" was Dr. Pennell's cool and skillful reply.

His host promptly did the honors. Seats were brought out and covered with rugs. A sheep roasted whole, savory dishes and tea were brought in. * * * Get the book and read the rest of the story. Also learn about the island for lepers, conducted by Dr. James McKean, in Siam.

Chapter Three—Witch Doctors vs. Christian Doctors

Supposing you were a native of Africa. You and a pal were out playing and your pal suddenly became ill and died. You had nothing to do with his death. But wait! The witch doctor may think otherwise, and if he "smells you out," that is, blames you for having coaxed an evil spirit to enter your pal, which evil spirit (not sickness) brought about his death, then torture and death await you. How would you like to be an African boy under such conditions?

Into such a state of affairs went Dr. Albert Schweitzer, who is known the world over as a theologian, as a writer and as a musician. This man left everything to take up medical missionary work among a people that needed him most. Travel with him up the Ogowe River and learn about his cure of hundreds of cases of the deadly African sleeping sickness.

In the same chapter learn about Dr. James McCord, who at midnight performed a major surgical operation on a mother. His operating table was the dirt floor. The operator was himself. His first assistant was himself. His second assistant was himself. His anesthetist was himself. "It was a one man show," wrote Dr. Jim. Yes, the patient got well, of course, nevertheless read the whole story.

Also in the same chapter you'll learn how a woman doctor used a celluloid doll as a model to teach African women to care for their children.

Chapter Four—Medical Service on Desert and Upland

"You dirty dog of an infidel! You scum under my foot! May Allah condemn your parents to hell for bringing you into the world! I have a pain in my stomach. Give me some medicine!" Thus spoke a son of the desert to Dr. Paul Harrison in the latter's office in a hospital in Arabia. Some way of asking for help, wasn't it? But the man was healed, wholly in body and partly in soul.

In the same chapter read about a kind of new five and ten cent store. This one is on legs.

Chapters Five to Ten

Full of wonder healings; adventure, dangers, Christian witnessing, long days of work, hardships, self-sacrifice, joys and prayers to God, the Father of "The Great Physician" for calling from across the seas to come over and help.

April 29, 1934

LUTHER LEAGUE DAY

II Timothy 1:1-7

The Topic

This is Luther League Day. There are two such days set apart this calendar year, the other falling on September 30th. The purpose in these two special days is to check up on our program activities. They are sort of "stock taking days." Business concerns take stock once, sometimes twice, a year. Thereby they are able to learn what goods or items of merchandise sell the best; what sell the poorest; how to move old stock in order to make room for new merchandise, etc. The idea behind these two annual stock taking days in the Luther League is about the same. We want to learn what parts of the program are selling or not selling; what we should do to move some old stock and what new materials are needed to load up the shelves for delivery to the hundreds of Intermediate Leaguers.

Stir Up the Gift

That was good advice for Timothy, and it is good advice for us as Intermediate leaders and Leaguers for the purpose of getting some good from this study, as well as giving suggestion for a bigger and better program. How can that be done? By stirring up the gift. Reference is made to the fact that there are many talented and able persons in our Leagues. Some have talents for pageant and play writing, others for party and stunt and skit building; others for setting up special programs, such as for Mother's Day, Birthday Party, Easter, Christmas, public meeting of the League before the church, etc.; others for knowing how to interest and hold the attention of the League at devotional meetings; others for planning successful membership and other contests; others for methods in getting the members to read their Bible daily and attend church regularly, and so on to the end. Occasionally we receive the evidences of such ability in the form of programs and materials; but not often enough. What we want all able minded leaders and Leaguers to do the first thing upon studying this topic is to decide what materials are on hand that you've used and can be passed on to other Leagues.

The next thing we want you to do is to send such materials as suggested above and which you compose and use in the future to your Intermediate Secretary.

The third thing to do as the result of this stirring up process is to discuss the Intermediate materials and the program; finding out from the members which features are good, not so good, or altogether bad. For instance take the Quarterly Helps and Review materials and criticize them at tonight's meeting. That means right at this point. Then pass on your findings to Headquarters.

The fourth thing to do is to offer suggestions on what additions should be made to the material mentioned above in order to get the most benefit therefrom. For instance, one interested superintendent writes, "The 'Suggested Programs' (reference is made to Quarterly Helps) are not of very much use because I like more variety in my meetings. I like the arrangement you used in 1932. They were good ideas for meetings, suggestions for prayers, short comments on Bible readings, good questions, quotations and poems, subject for discussion and debates." Fine criticism. Let's hear more.

The fifth thing to be done is to take the Sixteen Point Program and study over it (point by point) with the members and learn what points appeal most to them; also ask for suggestions on how help might be given for the purpose of getting a fuller co-operation on the points that are less appealing.

The sixth thing to be stirred up relates to your sending to Headquarters a copy of all popular plays, etc., that you've found helpful.

The seventh thing to do is to pass a one or two syllable word of cheer on to Headquarters now and then. We know that criticism does more for a fellow than praise, but praise in mild doses shouldn't hurt anybody. But before you praise—criticize.

JUNIOR TOPICS

April 1, 1934

John 20:26-29

"MY LORD AND MY GOD"

(Easter)

(An Easter Program)

For the Superintendent: Study carefully the foreword—the first six pages—of the Junior Topics Booklet, "Easter—What Should It Mean to the Juniors?"—and try to bring out in the discussion the items suggested there.

Program

Review Lenten Story

Discussion: What Is Easter?

The Easter Story (told by a Junior)

Easter Carol

Easter Picture: "He Is Risen"—shown and explained

Story from John 20:26-29 (told by a Junior)

Easter Carol

Exercise: "The Living Saviour" in packet, or

Pageant: "Emblems of Eastertide" (10 cents from Headquarters)

Easter Carol

Service for Others (Select from "Service Activities for Juniors at Easter Time" on back of Easter Topics Booklet. Prepare for this during Lent.)

April 8, 1934

KNOWING OUR HEAVENLY FATHER

Psalm 100:3

Aim: To impress on the Juniors the fact that God is their Heavenly Father; to make this a reality to them; and to help them desire to live as His children.

Procedure: Make this a discussion meeting, asking and answering questions, and discussing the points as given in the topic. Let the Juniors freely express themselves on their knowledge of their Heavenly Father, why they believe in Him, how they came to know Him.

Memory Verse: Psalm 100:3—"Know ye that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture."

The Topic

Discuss with the Juniors:

Who is God?

How do you know there is God? (Learn whether Juniors just accept the fact of their Heavenly Father because they are told, or whether they have learned of Him through His care and provision for them, through the example of those who love and serve Him, through the great world He has created for us, through the promises of the Bible.)

Knowing Our Heavenly Father Through Jesus:

Build on what Juniors have just been studying and through His Son lead to the Heavenly Father:

Easter—the risen Lord—tells of our Heavenly Father's love in giving that Son. Stories from "The Story Peter Told"—Ball (one of Junior Reading Course books) will give stories of Jesus' life that will fit in.

A review of the trip to the Holy Land will make more real the life of Jesus.

Through Creation:

What is the first verse in the Bible?

Our Heavenly Father created this world with all its wonders for us.

Read one or two of the psalms and show how they tell of the glories of the creation (let Juniors select these).

Through Nature:

Our Heavenly Father made His world beautiful for us that we might enjoy it and praise and worship Him.

How do mountains, streams, a beautiful sunset, the birds and flowers tell us of our Heavenly Father?

The psalms again tell us of the Creator and His goodness—(let Juniors select again)—"the heavens declare the glory of God," etc.

Through our fellow creatures:

Our Heavenly Father speaks to us through some of our leaders—our pastor, our teachers, our parents, and those who are teaching us God's Word.

Through His Provision for His children:

Our Heavenly Father knows our needs—food, shelter, comfort, happiness—read Matthew 6:25-32.

Through the Bible:

Our Heavenly Father through the words and promises of the Bible is shown to us. (Have Juniors hunt some of the passages showing God's promises and some of Jesus' sayings about His Father.)

All people all through history have worshipped and served some higher power. We know that God our Heavenly Father is that great Power who loves and cares for us—for we can see His works all around us every day, we have His promises in the Bible, we can go to Him in prayer and praise.

Let the Juniors discuss these ideas, and see that they go away from the meeting with a very clear idea of their Heavenly Father, and a definite idea of their knowledge of Him.

"A Child's Approach to Religion"—Fox, would be a very good book for the leader to read in this connection.

Application: If we know our Heavenly Father and believe in Him we should:

want to talk with Him every day—through prayer

serve Him by living as His children

tell others of Him

obey Him

praise and worship Him

thank Him for His great goodness to us

serve Him through work in the church

(Some definite plans should be made for one of these points—either daily private prayer—more earnest daily Bible reading—attendance at worship—bringing others to League and church—a missionary gift to tell others—or whatever the leader deems is most needed by the particular group at this time.)

April 15, 1934

DEPENDING ON OUR HEAVENLY FATHER

Psalm 23

Aim: To help the Juniors to depend on their Heavenly Father not merely for food and comforts, but for faith and strength to do right, to do His work, to live as His children.

Procedure: Follow the topic as given.

Worship: Build up your worship program around the Shepherd Story. Use the Twenty-third Psalm, tell the story of "The Lost Sheep," have the picture "The Good Shepherd," use the hymn "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us," and have stories of the shepherds of the Bible told—incidents from the life of Abraham, David, etc., showing God's care. The leader should conclude with a few statements about God's care for us.

The Topic

Bible Story: Abraham depending in God—willing to go out into the unknown. He had faith in God and in His promises.

Leader: A great many years after Abraham died an early Christian wrote a wonderful description of the faith of adventurers like Abraham. It is really a roll call of heroes of the faith. Some you will recognize:

Scripture: Selected verses from Hebrews 11.

The entire chapter is too long to hold the attention of Juniors. Select verses about Abraham and Moses for instance. When the 32nd verse is reached, the leader may suggest that we could add some more names—"for time would fail me to tell of Martin Luther, of David Livingstone, of Florence Nightingale," etc.

The leader might also suggest that the group would like to write a chapter of their own like this one of Hebrews and put into it the heroes of later days about whom they have learned from time to time. The heroes from "Greatness Passing By" may well be used if you have had your Juniors reading the Reading Course books.

Read the eleventh chapter of Hebrews with the Juniors until they are familiar with its content and its style and then have them paraphrase paragraphs:

"By faith Livingstone went down into the heart of Africa and taught the black men, by faith he refused to give up and return to England, by faith he gave up his life for the people and the land he loved," etc.

How should we depend on our Heavenly Father?

Make this a discussion period asking such questions as:

Why should we depend on God?

How does He help us to do right?

For what should we depend on Him?—Food and daily comforts, happiness, hope of eternity, etc.

Application: Depending on our Heavenly Father we should

Stand for the right.

Always be true to the right.

Dare to attempt hard things for Him.

Be loyal to His Church.

Help others to depend on Him.

April 22, 1934

RAINBOW BRIDGE

From April to September, inclusive, the monthly missionary programs will be on the

Theme: Orientals in the United States, and based on the

Book: Rainbow Bridge, by Florence C. Means. Stories, with fifty charming pictures, about some Oriental girls and boys who came to live in the United States. Price, paper, 75 cents. (Order from the Women's Missionary Society, 723 Muhlenberg Building, Philadelphia, Pa.)

Preparation: Because this program is planned for Easter Day it is appropriate to link the introduction to the new study with the Easter theme. Assign Bible reading and prayers to Juniors. Put responses for Call to Worship on blackboard or on typed slips, one for each Junior.

Pictures of Oriental people and scenes may be displayed; also if possible arrange on a table a few articles such as a bit of silk, a piece of chinaware, a Japanese print, a pair of chopsticks, a Japanese dish garden, or other attractive things to be found in an Oriental shop. Have material ready for the making of individual notebooks.

Program

Quiet Music: Any Easter carol.

Call to Worship:

Leader: O sing unto the Lord a new song.

Response: For He hath done marvelous things.

Leader: Our Lord Jesus said: I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Response: No man cometh unto the Father but by Me.

Leader: This is the victory that overcometh the world.

Response: Even our faith.

Hymn: "Come Ye Faithful, Raise" 89 P.S.H.

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:13-35 (by a Junior)

Leader's Introduction: Because this is Easter we like to remember how happy the disciples were when they realized that the Master and Friend Whom they feared they had lost was alive and still cared for them. No wonder they wanted to tell everyone about their great joy. Do you think there are people today in our country, even in our own town, who are not happy as we are because it is Easter? Some of the people in our country have always been surrounded by churches and yet they do not go inside them. Then there are many people who have come here from other lands where Christianity is not generally known and perhaps they have had no real chance to learn about Christ.

How many of you have ever known people who have come from China or Japan? Do you know why some of the people from these countries come to our land? Would you like to hear a story about one family that came and what they thought of our country? The story is called "Rainbow Bridge." You will see why it is called that when you hear the story.

Story: Rainbow Bridge (Chapter 1)

After the Story: Let the children look at the things on the table and talk about them. Suggest the making of individual note books, with the title "Rainbow Bridge." Draw in the book a rough sketch of America and Japan. Connect the two countries with a rainbow.

Conversation: "Suppose you had come from Japan to this country, what things would you find that you would like, and what things would disappoint you?" (Discuss this and list the answers in two columns on the blackboard.)

Sentence Prayers (by Juniors).

Hymn: "God Hath Sent His Angels" 90 P.S.H.

For Next Time: Suggest that the Juniors find out if there are any Orientals living in their community, or going to their schools, and report any interesting facts about them.

(Prepared under the direction of the Light Brigade Department, Women's Missionary Society)

April 29, 1934

LUTHER LEAGUE DAY

(This meeting may be a good opportunity to show to the congregation the program of the Junior League. Arrange a program in charge of the Juniors.)

A Program for the Juniors for Luther League Day
Junior Rally Hymn

Nine Juniors with large letters spelling "Education" take their place at front.

Leader (a Junior): We have come today to show the program of the Luther League and how in the Junior League we are carrying out the aims of the three Departments—Education, Missions and Life Service. We shall hear first of Education.

Junior tells of the Topics, naming a few for the year, displaying several signs giving the themes for each month (a number of other Juniors may display these) and telling briefly how these Topics are studied. A Review and some of the Topics Booklets may be shown.

Junior tells of Reading Course—displays books—tells a few words about each.

Junior with Bible, tells of daily Bible Reading and of the plans in the League for same, how many of the League are Daily Bible Readers. A large chart with the Daily Bible Readings may be exhibited.

Junior (with three or four little tots with her): We also have Topics for these little folks and interesting meetings with the "Little Leaguers." (This group may recite several Bible verses, sing a hymn and act out the story of Moses or other Bible story.)

Educational Secretary (your local Senior Educational Secretary, or the District Educational Secretary if same can be secured) gives a five minute talk on the Educational Program of the Luther League as the Juniors share in it.

Hymn: "O Word of God Incarnate"

Eight Juniors carrying large letters spelling "Missions" take their place.

Junior (as leader): We shall now hear of our Missionary Program.

Junior tells of the Missionary Topics—exhibits some handwork made while studying same.

Junior dressed in kimono and with parasol, tells of Japan Objective.

Junior tells of study of Africa, "In the African Bush"

Junior tells of study of America, "Young America Makes Friends"

Junior tells of the "Good Neighbor Club" and its work for mission Junior Leagues

Junior tells of missionary service which the Junior League has performed

Missionary Secretary (local or district Senior Secretary) gives a five minute talk on the Missionary Department and the Juniors' part.

Eleven Juniors carrying large letters spelling "Life Service" take their place.

Junior (as leader): We now hear of Life Service.

Junior tells how Life Service begins with the Junior.

Junior tells of Junior Life Service Study Class—"Junior Stewards of the Bible"

Junior tells of work Juniors can do about the church
Life Service Secretary gives a five minute talk on the Life Service Department and how the Juniors share.

Luther League Rally Hymn

How All This Is Made Possible (a talk on the Sustaining Membership Fund) by the Superintendent.

Offering for Sustaining Membership

Closing Hymn and Prayer

(Assign the parts suggested to a number of Juniors and help them prepare their parts. The whole program will be more effective if the Juniors tell spontaneously of the work your own Junior League is doing, rather than some memorized parts. Other forms of work done by your League may be substituted for those named.)

PROGRAMS FOR THE LITTLE LEAGUERS

(Prepared by Miss Ruth I. Simon)

Theme for April—

LEARNING ABOUT EASTER AND THE SPRINGTIME

Aim for the Leader: To help the children appreciate more fully the story of Easter and the wonders in nature all around them, and to help them find their Heavenly Father as the Maker of all.

April 1—HAPPY EASTER

In all probability the children are familiar with the Easter story and will be glad to tell it to you during the conversation period. The leader may use "Wee Folks' Life of Christ," pages 84 to 91 and "Standard Bible Story Readers, Book 2," pages 136 to 143 as a basis for her story telling.

Dramatize very simply the coming of the women to the sepulchre where the angel meets them and delivers his glad message. The visit of Peter and John may also be dramatized. These dramatizations may be made very impressive and reverent with a little direction and care by the leader.

During the handwork period the children will enjoy constructing an Easter Panel Poster, price 50 cents, or an Easter Poster to Build, price 25 cents. Either of these may be ordered from the United Lutheran Publication House.

April 8—THE FIRST NEW THINGS

The leader may base her preparation for the conversation period on Genesis 28:16. During this period she should bring the children to the realization that our Father in heaven is the Maker of all. Last fall everything in nature around us went to sleep. Use poem, "Winter's Sleep" from "Standard Bible Story Readers," page 18. Now the first warm days are coming. We plant seeds. Use "The Planting" from "Standard Bible Story Readers," page 13.

Plant seeds or bulbs either in the yard or in dish or box, having the children assist with the planting. They will enjoy watching the growth each week.

Encourage the children to tell you about flowers, leaves and birds they have seen. Suggest that they look for more during the week and tell you about them next Sunday.

For handwork during the coming four weeks you may use "Spring Posters to Build," price 25 cents, from United Lutheran Publication House, or "Flowers, Birds, Butterflies and Landscapes to Color." Each of these sets comes with ten drawings for coloring—15 cents a set, and may be ordered from Beckley-Cardy Co., Chicago, Ill. If you do not wish to spend money for this handwork we suggest that the Little Leaguers cut flowers, vegetables, birds, trees and butterflies from magazines and catalogues. These mounted on gay colored cardboard make attractive charts. At the top of each chart may be printed "God's Springtime Gifts."

April 15—GOD'S BEAUTIFUL GIFTS

The leader may consider Ecclesiastes 3:11 in her preparation for the conversation period. The children can understand that part of the verse which says, "He hath made everything beautiful in its time." Compare the world in springtime to a big garden which awoke. Ask the children to name the beautiful things they found during the past week.

The poem, "For You" and "Sweet Pea Babies" from "Standard Bible Readers, Book 2" will be helpful.

Books filled with nature stories may be obtained from all public libraries. We suggest for use with these lessons: Mother West Wind, Burgess; Old Mother West Wind, Burgess; By the Roadside, Dunn and Troxell; The Garden of Happiness, Meyer.

In all the stories and discussions do not lose sight of the aim for these nature lessons stated above.

Handwork: Suggestions under lesson for April 8.

April 22—THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S WORLD

Continue and review the discussion of last week. Add the new thought of why God made so many beautiful things in His world. For His people to enjoy, and for them to share with others. He also wants His children to be beautiful. Are we more beautiful when we smile or when we scowl? Discussion of this question may be followed by "What the Bee Said," pages 20 and 21 of "Standard Bible Readers, Book 2."

Nature stories from books suggested above or others.

Handwork: Suggestions under April 8.

April 29—GOOD GIFTS GOD GIVES US

In the discussion bring out the fact that everything we have is a gift from God. In this series of lessons we are emphasizing gifts of nature. Later we shall think of good health, home, church, etc. These may be mentioned but saved until later for development.

Show picture of a desert, compare with our beautiful country. Make use of poem and picture on pages 9 and 10 of "Standard Bible Readers, Book 2." Then in prayer thank God for water.

If possible allow the children to look at a flower under a microscope. Tell them of its wonderful formation. Then in prayer thank God for flowers, trees and grasses.

Show a deserted bird's nest. Examine. Use poem on pages 16 and 17 of "Standard Bible Readers, Book 2." Thank God for birds and His care of them.

From nature story books read or tell story of wild animal life. Thank God for His care of the little wild animals.

Other wonders of nature may be added as time permits.

Handwork: Complete the handwork begun April 8.

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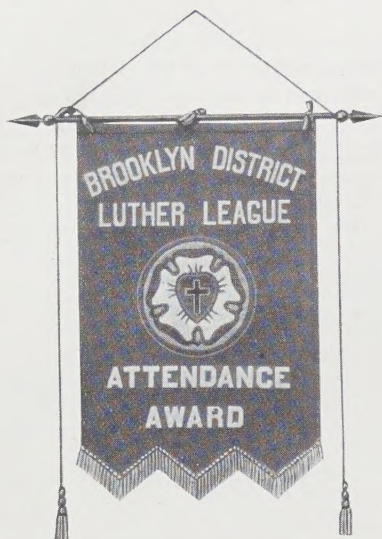
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